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STUNNING NUMBERS

59,938 Total Covid related fatalities in China between December 8 and January 12

5,503 Deaths due to respiratory failure caused by Covid

54,435 Fatalities from other ailments combined with Covid since Dec 8

80.3 years AVERAGE AGE OF THOSE WHO HAD DIED

90%+ FATALITIES ABOVE THE AGE OF 65 YRS

Emergency peak over?

2.9 mn Patients visited fever clinics in China on Dec 23

477,000 Nationwide fever by Jan 12

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STAGGERING 60,000 COVID DEATHS IN CHINA IN A MONTH

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WEEKS after insisting it was not necessary to put out the exact Covid fatality count from the latest wave of infections, China on Saturday revealed its data for a month, which took the global community's breath away. Its National Health Commission (NHC) revealed the country had recorded as many as 59,938 Covid-related deaths between December 8 and January 12.

While the sudden burst of glasnost was certainly welcome, the toll is expected to be higher as the NHC data is on deaths at hospitals alone. The jaw-dropping figure was in contrast to the few dozen deaths that had officially been recorded for December despite visual evidence of hospitals overflowing with patients and crematoriums being overrun by the Covid surge in the country.

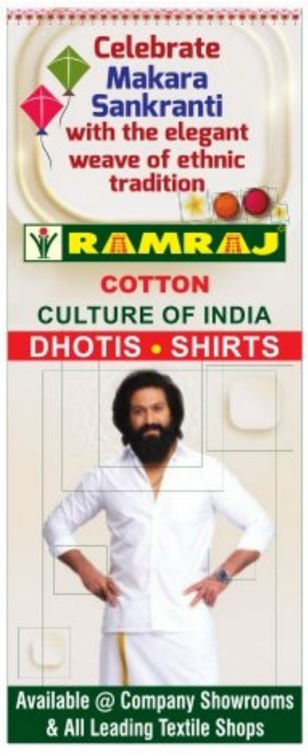
China's official toll has now gone up to just 65,210 since the coronavirus first broke out in its city of Wuhan in December 2019, indicating the extent of its data doctoring. The World Health Organization had on Wednesday rapped China for heavily underreporting the number of Covid deaths from the current wave.

On the positive side, the peak of the latest wave appears to have passed based on the decline in the number of patients visiting fever clinics, NSC official Jiao Yahui said. The daily number of people going to those clinics fell by 83% on Thursday, he said (see box).

"The number of elderly patients dying from illness is relatively large, which suggests that we should pay more attention to elderly patients and try our best to save their lives," said Jiao in a press meet.

Amid the intense Covid surge, when China reopened its borders to international travellers on January 8, a host of countries, including India and the US, imposed mandatory Covid tests on arrivals from China. Beijing retaliated by suspending issuance of new visas to fliers from South Korea and Japan.

> **In the future, relevant data will be released to the public in a timely manner in accordance with relevant provisions for Class B infectious diseases** — Jiao Yahui, National Health Commission official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ISRO axes Joshimath sat images

AMIT MUKHERJEE @ New Delhi

IN a bid to avoid confusion and panic among people, the National Disaster Management Authority has directed government-run research institutions not to interact with media or share data on Joshimath on social media platforms.

The gag order follows media reports on the rapid rate of subsidence in Joshimath, based on data released by the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)-ISRO.

The NDMA, in an office memorandum dated 13 January issued to the heads of various departments and institutions, directed them to "refrain from posting anything on media platforms until the final report of the expert group is released."

Scientists inspect the affected area at Sunil village in Joshimath on Saturday | ANI

In its directive, the NDMA noted: "It is observed that the government institutions are releasing data related to the subject matter on social media platforms... They are also interacting with media with their own interpretation of the situation. It is creating confusion not only among affected residents but also among citizens of the country." P10

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Cong MP dies during Bharat Jodo Yatra

Chandigarh: Seventy-six-year-old Congress Jalandhar MP Santokh Singh Chaudhary died after suffering a cardiac arrest during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Phillaur of Punjab on Saturday. Chaudhary, a two-time MP, was walking with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi when he fainted | P10

Goa moves SC against Kalasa-Banduri project

Belagavi: The Goa government on Saturday moved the Supreme Court seeking to halt Karnataka from going ahead with the Kalasa-Banduri project. The Centre had recently given Karnataka the green signal to go ahead with the project | P4

BBMP freezes over 40,000 old job codes

Bengaluru: The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has frozen over 40,000 job codes from 2010-2011 to 2020-2021 to prevent misuse by contractors. "With this we can save ₹7,931 crore", said Special Commissioner (Finance) Jayaram Raipura | P2

Indian developing orbiting fuel stations to extend satellites' life

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

WITH air-to-air refueling proving the capability of enhancing long-haul flights, an Indian scientist is now eyeing to take a similar technology to the next level — space. With an increasing number of satellites orbiting Earth, an entrepreneur-cum-researcher at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) is developing an in-orbit satellite refueling technology with an orbital fuel station and servicing centre in space. This would be the first such venture in the world.

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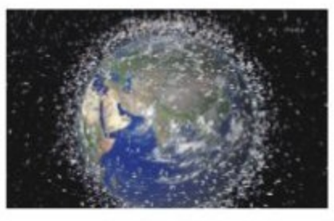
The aim is to extend the life of on-mission satellites to reduce satellite launch frequencies, avoid higher costs of sending new satellites to replace old ones, and ensure lesser space debris in the future.



The 34-year-old entrepreneur-researcher Sakthikumar R already has a start-up named 'OrbitAID Aerospace', which is incubated at the MSME Centre of Excellence at IISc.

"It is developing an in-orbit re-fueling technology for satellite life extension. We are also planning to build an orbital fuel station in space soon," Sakthikumar told *The New Sunday Express*.

The life cycle of a satellite depends upon its fuel capacity. Lack of fuel and servicing can push a healthy, functioning satellite sooner into the junk orbit away from common operational orbits.

He said the tanker satellite will go to the customer satellite and refuel it without affecting its operations.

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Spl grants for women in state budget: Bommai

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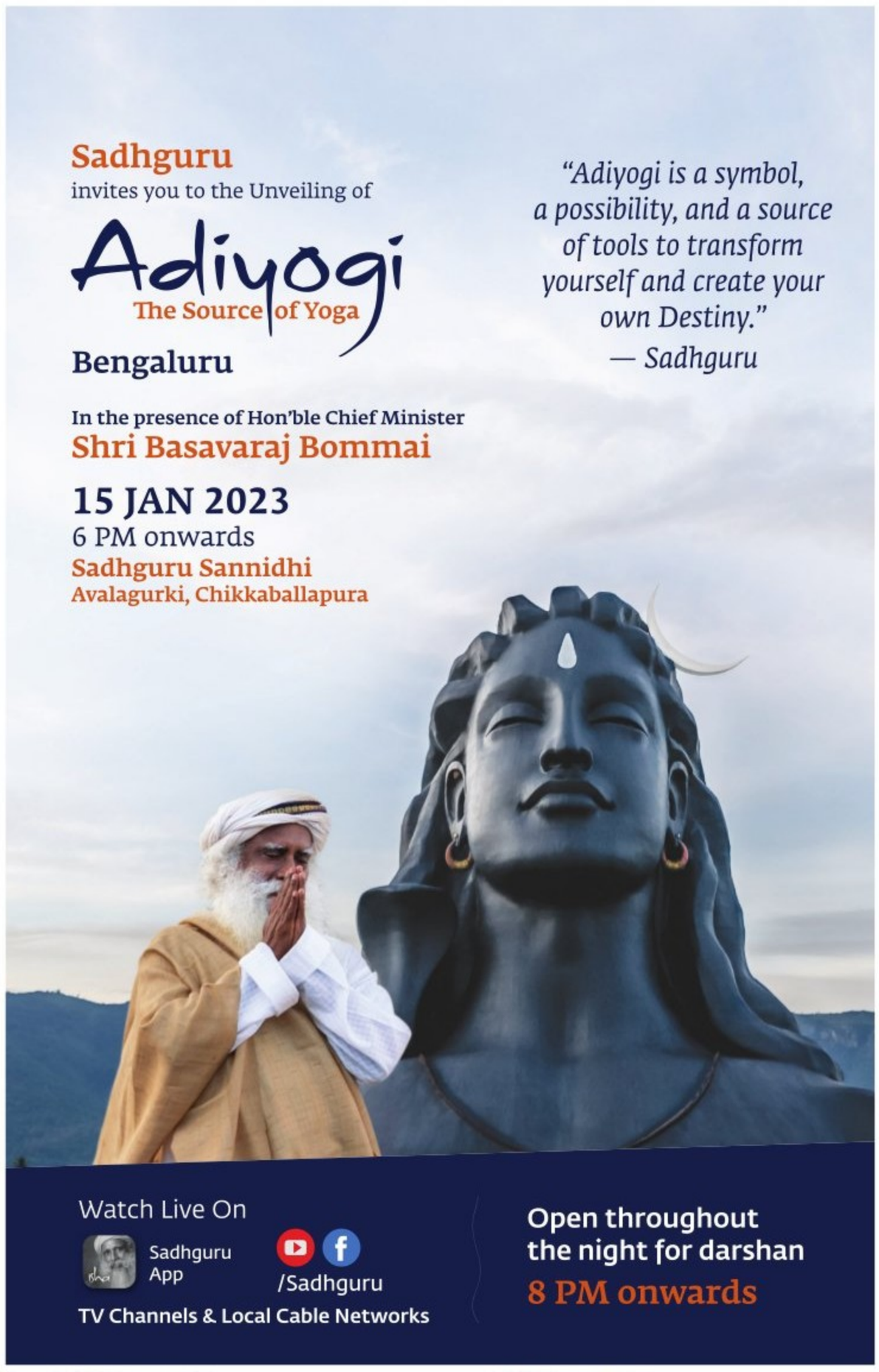
FINANCIAL assistance for women to take care of their households will be announced in the state budget to be presented by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on February 17, ahead of the state Assembly elections which are scheduled to be held in a few months.

Speaking to the media in Bengaluru, the CM said financial aid will be given to women heads of families to run their households, to take care of day-to-day needs and also medical expenses. "The allocation could be between Rs 1,000 and Rs 3,000. We are working on the details and resource mobilisation," he said.

The CM said the government will be launching 'Stree Samarthya Yojane' this month to generate self-employment for around five lakh women in the state. The Stree Shakti groups will be given Rs 5 lakh financial assistance and market linkage for their products, he said. P4



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HELPING FIND ONE'S FEET

17-year-old entrepreneur helps women in need achieve financial independence

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

IN a world where teenage entrepreneurs have begun to sense opportunities, Anaya Jethanandani has set herself apart by choosing to uplift the women around her. The 17-year-old Bengalurean, passionate about economics, has been working towards helping marginalised women find financial inclusion in an otherwise patriarchal world.

The Grade 11 student of Indus International School, Sarjapura, founded FINWIN, a not-for-profit initiative that helps bring financial literacy and inclusion to domestic helpers, factory workers, unemployed women, and others.

According to Anaya, FINWIN's inception followed an incident with her family cook, who had come home one day in tears. "The concentration on this particular community is due to an instance where our cook, Anita, had one day come home crying because her abusive husband was spending all the money she had saved. She did not have any control over her own finances or a bank account, despite being the sole breadwinner in the family," says the teenager.

Anita had no freedom to spend the money available to her, and her two sons were discouraged from attending school due to their father's aversion towards getting an education. "All the money went directly to her husband's bank account and she had no freedom to spend it. After we were able to open a bank account for her and teach her how to save, spend and budget her money, it helped her leave her husband and educate her sons," says Anaya.

The incident was a wakeup call on the importance of financial literacy, especially for women coming from marginalised backgrounds. Anaya had already published a course on online teaching platform, Udemy. "It took me at least five months of research to curate the course and its modules. Through it, I learned a lot about financial literacy, especially on government schemes. Many of my parents' friends also work in the field, so I was able to work with them to get a better idea," she says.

Accordingly, Anaya started FINWIN in July 2021, aiming to bridge the gap between gender and finance in Indian society through workshops and other services. "FINWIN's concentration is on literacy and inclusion, because my idea is that if literacy and inclusion work together, it truly leads to financial independence. I cover concepts of budgeting, saving, tracking and spending, as well as information on government schemes, what they are eligible for and loans. Information on how they can protect themselves from scams is particularly important, especially when aspiring to be an independent woman," she adds.

Anaya also works with several NGOs, like Women of Worth (WOW), where she has conducted workshops on spending money for menstrual hygiene.

So far, Anaya has helped over 400 women with access to financial literacy and inclusion. "Most of them are domestic workers, especially in urban societies. However, while working with organisations, we visit slums and are in touch with many other marginalised women," she says.

In addition, Anaya also helps women set up bank accounts and apply to government schemes. Due to her proximity of working with the women, Anaya says that the issue involves not only financial literacy, but ensuring that the women are aware of their rights in demanding proper wages and breaking away from previously held misconceptions.

"Many have grown up in families where their brothers and fathers are in charge of the household money. Mothers, sisters, and wives do not have any control of the bank accounts. There was no thought of 'I should have a bank account', because that is just how it works for them and how a bank account is defined. A lot of women, I had noticed, also had abusive husbands that obviously misuse their money," she says. Despite these struggles, Anaya shows no signs of stopping as she has already begun the new year by continuing to conduct workshops around the city.

FINWIN
CLUB AT SCHOOL

In August, Anaya was a finalist of the 2022 Dr Siva Kumari Middle Years Programme (MYP) Student Innovators' Grant. In addition to receiving the grant, Anaya built a network of like-minded peers around the world. "FINWIN is an initiative that doesn't actually focus on funding as it's more about using resources that are available to us. However, the grant helped in marketing and connecting with more communities that I would not have otherwise reached. In terms of conducting workshops, I started a FINWIN club at my school where I train student volunteers on conducting workshops. I've also reached out to several government schools, where I teach the girls on financial literacy, in the hopes that we are able to build a larger network of women who understand their rights," she says.

ADDRESSING CHALLENGES

A lot of women had their Aadhaar and PAN cards linked to their husband's or father's phone numbers, posing a challenge in opening bank accounts or applying to government schemes. "It is a big challenge to process and update all these things, before they could even open their bank accounts or apply for any government schemes, which is something happening across the board for these women. When we highlight the numerous schemes available to them, it comes as a major shock, but also comforts them to know that they can rely on the government to help improve their lives. Though it takes time due to the amount of documentation required, those who are able, find it very helpful," Anaya says.

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> Anaya Jethanandani

Anaya conducts a workshop on financial literacy for marginalised women

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IN FULL BLOOM: The flower market in Bengaluru is abuzz with Sankranti and Pongal shoppers

HEARTH & HARVEST

Marking the end of winter and ushering in the summer, the harvest festival of Makara Sankranti is a celebration of good times with the family. Express captures the vibe:

STARRY TOUCH: Actors Priyanka Upendra, Tara Anuradha and Priyanka Chincholi celebrate at Cox Town in Bengaluru

SWEET HARVEST: Considered a spiritual symbol of Sankranti, sugarcane is displayed in majority of households

ON A PICNIC: Another tradition during the harvest festival is families going out and eating traditional delicacies

DECKED UP: Streamers, lamps and other paraphernalia are much in demand during the festival

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FKCCI opposes hike in power rates

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THE Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) has urged the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Board not to accept petitions seeking increase of power rates as it will largely impact small and medium businesses.

The state's electricity supply corporations (ESCOMS) have written to the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission to revise the power prices. The ESCOMS have demanded withdrawal of special incentive schemes, including solar water concession, given to domestic consumers, levying grid support charges for open access consumers and increase in fixed charges.

FKCCI members said any price hike will have a serious impact on the manufacturing and service sector.

Crackdown on contractors: BBMP freezes 40k old job codes

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE BBMP has frozen over 40,000 job codes from 2010-2011 to 2020-2021 to arrest revenue leakage and fix maladministration. The move has angered contractors who fear that job codes for ongoing projects would be affected. They are also worried about their bill settlements.

Special Commissioner for BBMP (Finance) Jayaram Raipura said the measures are taken to streamline the department and avoid revenue leakage in future.

"The department, after a thorough check in all eight zones of the Palike, sourced about 45,781 job codes for various BBMP works from its in-house software. With this we can save Rs 7,931 crore," said Raipura. Job codes are like identity cards for each project, which include details of the project cost, the contractors, the sub-contractors and the agencies involved in each of them, besides the time in which the work has to be completed.

The commissioner contended that the job codes could be misused by the contractors. The same can be given to others for more money and a person can come seeking bills for the same after taking up the work and completing it. Hence all the old job codes were frozen and fresh ones will be created and issued.

According to the special commissioner, from the last 10 financial years, there were 46,741 works indicated in the software. However, it was detected that only 960 were sent for checking. As many as 45,000-plus job codes did not reflect either under the 'tender process' or sent for checking.

In response to the BBMP's move, the BBMP Contractors Association president KT Manjunath said, "The contractors will be hit hard. Some of have already completed the works and some works are in progress. If the code is frozen, one cannot claim bill settlements."

"The Palike had stated that the freezing will be applicable only for Palike grants. But now, the state as well as the Central government grant job codes have been frozen and we are going to agitate against this move," said Manjunath.

ISKCON takes out a rath yatra, the first after the pandemic, in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

Give importance to agri journalism: UAS VC

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UNIVERSITY of Agricultural Sciences Vice-Chancellor Dr Suresh S V said there is a need for farm or agricultural journalism for effective transfer of information. He was speaking at the valedictory of a five-day training programme on 'Farm Journalism for Effective Transfer of Technology'.

He said while there are many advancements in the agricultural sector, there should be a way to disseminate these to the common people for their benefit. "There is a need for training in agricultural journalism to bring agricultural technologies to common people, especially farmers. This can also benefit trained scientists, researchers and extension workers," he said.

He said scientists should also be more open towards publishing their research at different stages for the benefit of the public. "This would mean that farmers are more willing to adopt new technologies in their work. Meanwhile, scientists should be willing to publish popular articles in journals with photographs of them in action at various stages. If they discuss and share the knowledge gained in training with their colleagues, this knowledge will reach to more people," he said.

Meanwhile, he also said efforts must be made to make digital technologies more attractive to farmers to encourage their use.

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'Address challenges in edu programmes'

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Private Post Graduate Colleges' Association has written to the Karnataka State Higher Education Council vice-chairman pointing out that the timeline of education programmes differs under every category. "With the delay in the commencement of classes, the academic year gets stretched. Campus hiring is affected by semesters getting delayed and the results are announced late," said Wooday P Krishna, president of the association, in the letter on January 10. For instance, companies like Grant Thornton visit colleges for hiring only if the students can be onboarded on time and demand for results promptly for further verification process. Students from economically weaker sections and rural areas need placement support services," he said and requested that these issues are addressed to protect the interests of students, parents and post-graduate colleges. ENS

MHA's Police Research and Development Division has selected an employee of the police training centre of Kalaburagi, Basappa Ashappa Kumbar, for the Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Police Training, the police training centre of Kalaburagi said on Saturday

Mom, son kill self over dinner fight

ENS @ Bengaluru

UPSET over arguments with her son over dinner on Friday night, a 50-year-old woman committed suicide by jumping into a water sump outside her house. Rushed to a private hospital, she was declared brought dead. Irked that his comments had hurt her so much, her son also committed suicide by hanging. The Ramanagar district police have registered a case.

The victims are Vijayalakshmi and her 25-year-old son Harsha, who used to look after their bakery in Ijoor in Ramanagar district which his father runs.

"The incident happened around 10.30 pm. Harsha returned home and saw his mother resting, and asked her to serve him dinner. Vijayalakshmi was tired and she asked him to serve it himself, which led to an argument. Harsha's father tried to intervene and tried to serve him food. Vijayalakshmi then walked out of the house and jumped into the sump," said an officer.

6 arrested, mobiles worth `30 lakh recovered

The South East Division police nabbed a gang of six pickpockets, and recovered around 150 mobiles worth `30 lakh. The accused are Jaffer Siddique alias Jaffer (26), Syed Akheel alias Sameer (40), Rehaman Sherrief (42), Mushtak Ahmed alias Mushtak alias Musti (45), Imran Pasha (34) & Rafiq Ahmed alias Moula (38). They had stolen `50,000 from a passenger.

CARING FOR KITE

A personnel of the Fire and Emergency Department (right) rescues a Black Kite which was stuck on a tree at Press Club in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

4 JMB MEN SENTENCED TO 7-YR RI

Accused raised funds by committing dacoities in city, says NIA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Special Court for National Investigation Agency (NIA), Bengaluru on Friday convicted four members of the proscribed Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) to seven-year rigorous imprisonment and fine.

They have been convicted in four terror-related cases under Sections 120B, 395, 452, 397, 399, 458, 468 and 471 of IPC for criminal conspiracy, dacoity, house-trespass after preparation for hurt, assault or wrongful restrain, housebreaking, forgery and fraudulently or dishonestly using as genuine any document or electronic record along with Sections 17, 18, 20 & 23 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967 and section 25 (1) of Arms Act.

The four — Kador Kazi alias Mijanur Rahaman, Mustafizur Rahman alias Tuhin from Birbhum District, West Bengal (WB), Adil Sheikh alias Asadullah and Abdul Karim alias Korim SK from Murshidabad district, WB — have been convicted. One of the cases was regarding the seizure of huge quantities of electrical and electronic items, tools, chemical apparatus, containers etc used for fabrication of bombs and improvised explosive devices (IEDs) from the hideout of JMB in Bengaluru.

The case was initially registered by the Karnataka police at Soladevanahalli police station, Bengaluru on July 7, 2019 and was later re-registered more than a month later by the NIA on July 29.

The other four cases are related to dacoities committed by the accused in 2018 in KR Puram, Attibele and Kothanur police station limits. The cases were re-registered by the NIA on April 1, 2020. The Central anti-terrorism agency had submitted the charge sheet in all these cases. For trial, they were clubbed into one.

According to the NIA investigation, "The accused had raised funds by committing dacoities at various places in Bengaluru with the intention of furthering the activities of JMB in India." It stated, "They had also collected explosive materials and test fired a rocket launcher for the commission of terror acts. The 'proceeds of dacoity' in the form of gold was sold by the accused for raising funds for carrying out terror activities. The 11 accused have been arrested and charge-sheeted so far and three accused have been convicted in the case earlier."

In the long run, Covid won't lead to heart ailments, say experts

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

AMID reports that SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant and its sub-variants damage heart tissues and cause a lasting impact on a person's heart, some experts are of the opinion that in the long run, Covid would not add to the number of deaths caused due to heart ailments.

A German study released recently claimed that the newer versions of the Omicron variant were more fatal and with mutations, the ability of the virus to damage the heart tissues also increase. The original BA.1 Omicron variant was said to be the mildest of all variants in the study. It said that SARS-CoV-2 primarily affects the respiratory system but the disease comprehensively affects the heart, brain and the digestive system.

Dr CN Manjunath, director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, said that Covid does contribute to clots in arteries in all vital organs (heart, lungs or brain), leading to a heart attack or brain stroke. He said that the cause for most of the deaths during the pandemic was due to clot in arteries.

Despite Covid impacting a person's heart, Dr Manjunath said the fatality rate will not be very high in the long run. Only 4 per cent of deaths in the next 5-7 years could possibly be attributed to the lasting impact of Covid. It will surely not be a high-risk factor adding to the burden of non-communicable deaths, especially heart-related, he added.

At the same time, he advised people to be aware of heart attack symptoms like shortness of breath, burning sensation and chest pain. People experiencing such symptoms should go for screenings and annual checkups for early diagnosis of heart-related ailment, if any. Other unconventional symptoms like throat and jaw pain, back and left shoulder pain or experiencing chest pain while walking or climbing stairs should also be looked into, he added.

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Posters of political parties around Sangolli Rayanna statue despite Karnataka High Court order, banning banners, posters, and cutouts across the city | EXPRESS

Poster pollution mars KSR statue's glory

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

DESPITE Karnataka High Court orders banning banners, posters and cutouts across the city, various political parties continue to put up such materials.

Around Domlur-Indiranagar junction, there are posters by various parties claiming the credit for the Sangolli Rayanna statue, which is, in fact, being funded by various private organisations of the area who have taken permission from BBMP.

Supporters of Shantinagar MLA NA Harris have put up cutouts claiming they have done the job. BJP leader and former corporator Shivakumar's supporters have erected cutouts claiming the same. The supporters have allegedly defaced 200m on the Old Airport Road stretch with their posters.

According to reports, Sangolli Rayanna's bronze statue will be unveiled by Municipal Administration Minister MTB Nagaraj on January 15.

Supporters of Shivakumar have erected huge banners stating he is the next BJP candidate for Shantinagar.

Lakshminarayana Gundanna, who had represented the Domlur ward last time, has asked his supporters not to put up even a single poster. "I know about the high court directions, and I am not going to be involved in this poster culture," said Gundanna.

With case of violations of high court orders increasing, Special Commissioner, revenue department, BBMP, RL Deepak said that he has already issued directives to all joint commissioners of eight zones and to revenue officers of BBMP to remove the banners and file cases. "The same applies to this incident also. We will remove all the banners and cutouts, and ask officials to take action and book cases against the violators."

Will hoist Tricolour at Idgah Maidan, say Hindu activists

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

MEMBERS of Chamarajpet Nagarikara Ookkoota and other pro-Hindu outfits have been mounting pressure on the state government to give permission to hoist the Tricolour at the Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan.

The organisation had submitted representations to Bengaluru Urban DC in December 2022, seeking permission for the same and also host cultural programmes.

Shashanka J Sreedhara, member of the forum, warned that if the administration does not allow them to hoist the Tricolour at the ground, they will defy the administration orders and hoist the flag.

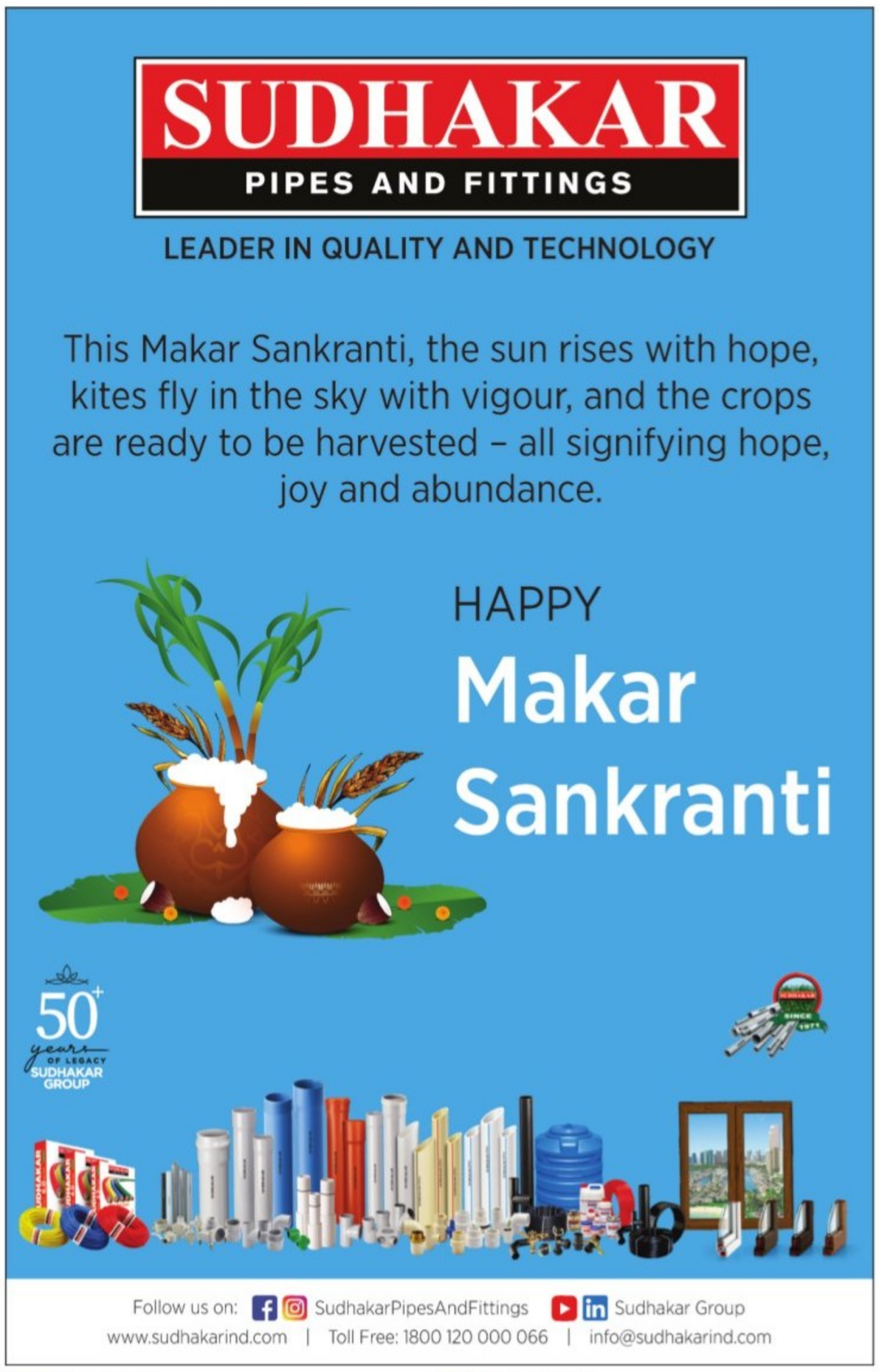
He said that they had given a letter on December 31, 2022, and the Bengaluru DC's office said that it has been forwarded to the government.

Also, Hindu Jai Bheem Sene leader Chandrashekar Kotesheki said they had also given a similar representation on December 29, 2022. "The ground belongs to the government, and how can only one community be allowed to offer prayers, while public is not allowed to organise cultural events and hoist the tricolour on Independence Day and Republic Day," said Kotesheki.

KA Dayanand, deputy commissioner, Bengaluru Urban, confirmed that his office has received a few representations regarding Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan which have been forwarded to the revenue department.

The playground has been a bone of contention since June, 2022, when an RTI activist and president of Vishwa Sanatan Parishad S Bhaskaran claimed that the land belongs to the municipality, and demanded the government has the right over 2.5 acres land where other events can he organised.

After an inquiry by BBMP Joint Commissioner, West, it was stated that the land belonged to the revenue department as the Wakf Board had failed to furnish necessary documents. On August 15, 2022, assistant commissioner, revenue department, Bengaluru North, MG Shivanna hoisted the Tricolour.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EXPRESS READ

Muslim youth assaulted for offering choc to girl

Mangaluru: In yet another case of 'moral policing', six youths have been booked for allegedly assaulting a Muslim youth in a bus at Bantwal taluk in Dakshina Kannada district. The incident occurred on Friday when the victim Mohammad Shakir, 19, from Mangalapadav in Veerakambha village, offered chocolate to a Hindu girl student in the bus, while he was returning from Yenepoya College at Balmatta in Mangaluru. The girl was sitting in the next seat. Some youths saw that Shakir was offering chocolate. When the bus reached Kelinja at Veerakambha, Chandrashekar, Prajwal, Rohith and three others boarded the bus and allegedly assaulted Shakir. **ENS**

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4	2023_KMML_546531_1	For the supply of PTFE Lined Plug Valves
5	2023_KMML_547217_1	For the supply of 210L Nominal Capacity M.S Open Top Drums with Lid, Oring/Gasket and Clamping Ring
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Datta, H Nagesh join Congress

Mulbagal independent MLA H Nagesh and former JDS MLA YSV Datta joined Congress in Bengaluru on Saturday in the presence of CLP leader Siddaramaiah and KPCC chief DK Shivakumar and is hopeful of getting tickets for the Mahadevapura Zone and Kaduru Assembly constituencies respectively

'NEED RESERVATION AS LONG AS INEQUALITY PREVAILS'

EXPRESS Dialogues

IN the run-up to the Assembly polls, the reservation issue has put the State Government in a tight spot as Panchamsali Lingayat community leaders, including some BJP legislators, are unhappy with the government's decision and continue to protest. Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister JC Madhu Swamy says the government is trying to do its best and it never looked at these issues from a political angle. In an interaction with The New Sunday Express editors and staff, the minister explains the nuances of the complex issue. Excerpts:

How is the government looking at the demand for change in the reservation matrix from various communities?
The 103rd Constitutional amendment is upheld by the Supreme Court, which means we are capable of giving reservation up to 60% now. The EWS (Economically Weaker Section) has been accepted by the Supreme Court which means 10% more reservation is accepted. We take it as a base. To go ahead with the EWS, we don't need the entire 10% because we have to give either adequate or proportionate reservation. Entire communities leftover are around 2.5% to 3% which are not covered under any reservation. As Vokkaliga and Lingayat communities are covered as special groups under BC (Backward Classes), that is 3A Vokkaliga which is entitled to 4% and 3B Lingayat and others are entitled to 5% where their income has to be less than Rs 8.5 lakh per annum. They are already in the economically weaker section.

The Parliament Bill says the states are empowered to go up to 10%. It need not be exactly 10%. We may save 6% or 7% because a population of 2% cannot be given 10% of the reservation. We are trying to push some quota from the EWS savings to Lingayats and Vokkaligas to the extent of another 2% or 3%. We are not giving anything extra in political reservation and it is only confined to education and employment. That's why they are not going to disturb 2A or 2B in the political reservation or any field. We have not touched 2A and 2B.

What about political reservation?
The Supreme Court has now taken the issue of political reservation. They want us to have empirical data. They ask for unit-wise data from every panchayat. Data on the politically backward group has to be now empirically collected. That is the issue which is bothering us. That is why the municipal and other elections have been delayed. So we have to give the empirical data of the political backwardness to fix seats in the civic bodies. That is a tough game for us. We and even the Madhya Pradesh government asked SC to give some formula to identify these categories. How to identify these categories? What is the standard for fixing the backward communities as politically backward? The court says that is your (government's) business.

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Can Lingayats and Vokkaligas who miss out on reservation in their category jump into EWS?
No. Lingayats and Vokkaligas are already covered under some reservation. They cannot be taken into the EWS fold. Only Brahmins, Vaishyas, Jains and such categories can be considered under EWS.

What is the purpose of 2C and 2D?
We have to name them 'backwards'. We are giving them reservation in the 'backward' tag. After the Government of India enacted the law of EWS, now we have another 10% extra with us. We may say EWS is only 3 or 4% and the remaining we are sharing with these two groups for employment and education.

Don't you think the reservation issue will create more controversies?
Yes it will. Anything of this sort will certainly create a controversy. We cannot say it will be okay 100%. There will be controversies. It is our fate. We have to address it as there is a lot of demand.

Is the Panchamsali community not convinced?
I don't know why. Swamiji (Sri Jaya Mrityunjaya Swami, Panchamsali Lngayat seer) says they are not asking for political reservation. If they are not asking for political reservation, it is fair if they are grouped in 2D. There is nothing wrong. We already have 5% of reservation. Another 2 or 3% will be added to Lingayats and another 2 to 3% to Vokkaligas. The Lingayat community has many subcastes, and if everyone starts asking for reservation what can we do? I am a Lingayat, and our community is called Nolamba; (Chief Minister) Bommai is a Lingayat, and his community is called Sadaru; (former chief minister) Yediyurappa is a Lingayat and his community is called Banajiga. Where will we end up?

The High Court stayed the new quota categories. Is it a setback for the government?
I don't know how the HC stayed it and how the matter was taken into account because there is no government order, and there is no government decision. We have just discussed the proposal which is before us which is recommended by the Backward Classes Commission. We have said it is an interim report. We have not taken any decision ... We are still at the discussion stage.

Is it the right time to take up reservation issues?
No, it is not the right time. But they're not giving us any scope to leave it. Every day there are strikes ... Every day there are protests. So the government has to respond.

Do you think a hike in SC/ST quota helps BJP in elections?
We feel we have done some justice. I certainly tell you we did not look at the political angles of these issues. They were justified.

How long do we need the reservation system?
As long as inequality prevails, as even today, Scheduled Caste people are treated otherwise. Still they have no social status and hence it's humane to give reservation. If an SC boy gets a job, that family will sustain for a lifetime. By being educated and in a government service a man who is being treated as 'untouchable' today will become 'touchable' tomorrow. His status will change along with his economic level and also politically.

Anti-conversion law was there in the Constitution. We have made some provisions in the law on action to be taken against the offenders. We have included action to be taken against those who were involved in forcible conversion

You have written to NLSIU (National Law School of India University) Bengaluru to implement the 25 per cent quota in CLAT for students of Karnataka domicile, but there's no clarity about it as yet...
We had amended the law which the High Court struck down. Following which we moved the Supreme Court. During the hearing, the SC in its view with reference to the other states' national colleges said when the domicile quota was there, why was it not implemented in Karnataka. Taking a cue, the Karnataka HC chief justice instructed the NLSIU VC to provide a 25 per cent quota. But the VC started compartmentalisation of Kannadiga students by listing 7-8% of them who had secured seats on their merit with better rankings also under state's domicile quota. It was unconstitutional and defeats the spirit of reservation itself. The VC claimed the quota was given horizontally, but we insist it should be vertical. Similarly, it happened in the case of Karnataka's SC students as those hailed from outside the state are allowed under the quota, though they are not listed in the SC category in our state. Despite land, infrastructure and funds given by our government and the institution (NLSIU) has not obliged to our law, then what is the fun of having it? We are not giving it up until our students' interests are not safeguarded.

How are BJP's prospects in the 2023 Assembly polls?
We are very sound as we have done some good work. Besides, 60-70% of BJP leaders and ministers were on the ground in their respective constituencies and attending to their constituents' work. Not only the development works, we have been addressing our constituents' works, too. If you pay a visit to Vidhana Soudha, you will find hardly three or four ministers, the rest are in their hometowns.

How is the party's situation in the old Mysuru region?
See, I am a man from a rural background. My gut feeling says we are through in the region.

When will the Yetthinahole project be completed?
There is a land acquisition problem at Koratagere in Tumakuru district where the dam to collect 6 tmcft of water was planned. 2,750 acres each from Koratagere and Doddaballapura in Bengaluru Rural district are supposed to be acquired. So, we will confine the dam to Doddaballapur by reducing its storage capacity. Except for this issue, the canal works are in progress.

What inspired you to join politics. If not a politician, what would you have become?
I was part of the students' movement responding to the socialist leader Jayaprakash Narayana's call. I never dreamt of joining politics as the struggle was for the welfare of people and through that journey, I was shaped as a politician. If not a politician I would have become a lawyer, or else an agriculturist.

The lawyers' community is demanding a special law for their protection...
They should understand that in a democratic country, any category having privilege under a special act has been denied in the Constitution. In the past, the constituent assembly had debated for three days on the privilege of MLAs and MPs as well. When you say all are equal before law how can one get extra support, benefit, security or protection under law? If you respect the Constitution you cannot give any special privilege to anybody, which I had also said in the Assembly when Sa Ra Mahesh said he was privileged. As an MLA and MP, one cannot have a privilege unless he gets obstructed in the process of discharging his duties which amounts to a breach of privilege. I myself am not under a privileged category. Do you know they (the lawyers) want to have a special law for them and they have given the draft for my signature that says nobody is supposed to arrest a lawyer for any reason and only DySP and above-level officers have to take cognisance of the case? But even against common people or the chief minister, a station house officer (SHO), a sub-inspector of police, is empowered to register a case. DySPs are not supposed to file FIRs. We agree that if advocates face any obstructions or problems on the premises of court during working hours, we can think of giving protection. It is already there, as judges can give them protection by providing police. But lawyers want protection for their entire lifestyle. I question how they are different from any other citizens of the country, for which they brand me as a villain.

Are you satisfied with your work as a minister?
I am very satisfied, because I am involved in the law-making process and as a minor irrigation minister.

Do you think several allegations, including contractors' charges, will impact the government's image?
No. They are all politically motivated as there is not even 1% of evidence to prove. Some contractors' association president made allegations that the leader of the opposition raised it as an issue in the House. It's not correct. The people take cognisance only if there is prima facie evidence and specific case. But I do not say we are a 100% corruption-free government. But all the allegations the opposition are making are not true.

What is the impact of anti-conversion law?
Anti-conversion law was there in the Constitution. We have not enacted a new law. We have made some provisions in the law on action to be taken against the offenders. We have included action to be taken against those who were involved in forcible conversion or by bribing or any other means. If a Hindu or Muslim or Christian converts to a different religion, the same law is applicable. Law is not restricted to Hindu religion.

You and Siddaramaiah are good friends.... ?
We have been good friends since our college days. Our ideologies were the same. But time put us in different directions. We were both in the same group — Janata party — once upon a time. I went with Ramakrishna Hegde, I joined JDU and Siddaramaiah JDS. Now there is no JDU. We were five MLAs then. For our survival, both joined different parties. No question of uniting again ... neither he is leaving Congress nor am I leaving BJP.

Yediyurappa was in the forefront and CM candidate in the last elections. This time he is not the CM candidate. Does it make an impact on the party?
Even this time, Yediyurappa will be at the forefront. He is the leader of the masses.

What is your opinion on Uniform Civil Code?
Women have to be protected irrespective of any religion. The Supreme Court was in favour of the Uniform Civil Code, but then PM Rajiv Gandhi spoiled it. How can we say in one religion the marriage age for women is 18 years and in another 15 years? There cannot be different laws in a country. This has to be amended.

TNSE editors and journalists interact with Law Minister JC Madhu Swamy at The New Indian Express office in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Jt session date decision in next cabinet meeting

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

THE government has already started the Swami Vivekananda Yuva Shakti Yojana, which aims at creating self-employment for around 5 lakh youth with an end-to-end approach, the CM said.

Bommai said the state's revenue collection for the first three quarters of the financial year exceeded the target. "I have decided to present a pro-people budget focusing on welfare programmes for the working class, women, youth, farmers and people from the OBC and SC/STs," he said. He said it will be an election budget as polls are nearing. He added that the government is also studying many programmes announced by Assam, Gujarat and other states, to launch them in Karnataka.

The date for the joint session of the state legislature will be decided in the next cabinet meeting and the budget will be presented on February 17 for which the process of pre-budget meetings has already begun, he said.

Meanwhile, the state government has asked the Centre to give a push for infrastructure projects in the state in the Union budget. In the meeting called by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the state government gave details of its expectations from the Union budget, the CM said.

CM Bommai addresses a Panchamasali convention in Davanagere district | EXPRESS

CM reaffirms vow to give Panchamasalis justice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Harihar (Davanagere)

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday reiterated that he is committed to give justice to the Panchamasali community.

Addressing a Hara Jatre 2023 programme, he said that the government is moving in the right direction and the decision on the interim report by the Backward Classes Commission led by Jayaprakash Hegde was accepted and the 2D category was announced.

He said he was ready to face constructive criticism as a stepping stone for success, and will ensure that a permanent solution is arrived at for the Panchamasali community. Taking a dig at his detractors, the CM said that previous governments have been silent over Justice Sadashiva Commission recommendations, and the Kantharaj Commission report.

The setback for 2C and 2D reservation categories is temporary and the advocates will fight it out in the court, he said. CM also asserted that he will support the mutts financially, and fund Kittur Development Authority, Kaginele, Sangolli Rayanna, and Valmiki Gurupeeth. Bommai explained that the Raitha Vidya Nidhi programme was launched to ensure that the farmers' children pursue higher education.

Under the Raitha Vidya Nidhi, girl students are receiving scholarships from Class 8, while the boys will be eligible from Class 10, he said. The government has also provided free power to pumpsets of up to 10 HP, three lakh new farmers received loans under PM Kisan Samman Yojana, he said.

Mahadeva Shivacharya Swamiji, Vachananda Swamy of Panchamasali Gurupeethand others were present.

Nirani, CC Patil ask Yatnal to stop making statements against them

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai's cabinet colleagues – Industries Minister **Murgesh Nirani** and PWD minister CC Patil -- on Saturday warned former union minister Basanagouda Patil Yatnal not to make statements against them and Bommai in bad taste on 2A reservation category for Panchamashali Lingayats.

Nirani and Patil, who are Panchamasalis, met Bommai at his residence and took strong exception to Yatnal's alleged 'lewd' remarks against them. Responding to Yatnal's 'pimp' remark, Nirani warned that former's tongue has to be cut if he continues to make such statements. "Though Bommai has given him instructions, he has been making derogatory remarks. If he continues with it, people of Vijayapura will teach him a lesson. If he does not want to be in BJP, he should exit," said Nirani. Bommai is committed to according 2A tag for the community as the struggle has a long history, he added. Patil said he is condemning protest rallies held by the community's religious head Sri Jayamrityunjaya Swamiji and Yatnal against the Bommai government as it failed to accord the 2A tag. "They are dancing to the tune of Congress, although leaders from that party had decided against the 2A tag for the community," he alleged.

"Bommai as a CM has to consider the demands and interests of all communities, keeping social justice in view, and the Swamiji should realise that. Bommai's cabinet received the interim report by the Backward Classes Commission and the government its committed. We will decide after getting the final report", he suggested.

"We are not afraid of Yatnal to give him a befitting reply. But we have kept our cool as he is a senior leader. But the party high command has been watching him," he said.

"Yatnal is speaking ill of all politicians. I too come from Krishna basin and will give a tit-for-tat," he added. He described Yatnal as a fake politician who changes colours with the party he joins. "Hailing from a politically strong community, it is not proper of him to issue such statements. Basava Jayamrutyunjaya Swamiji is bringing politics into reservation. Why swamiji was silent over reservation issue when Congress party was ruling the state.

Yogishwar meets Bommai

Former minister CP Yogishwar called on Bommai and put forth his demand for a cabinet berth when and if he expands his cabinet, sources said. As he got wind of the expansion after Sankrati festival, he met Bommai, they added.

SLANDER NOT K'TAKA POLITICAL CULTURE, SAYS BOMMAI

Bengaluru: Hitting out at those who are criticising him over the Panchamasali Lingayat reservation, CM Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said that the party will take action against those who talk against the government and party. Speaking to mediapersons in Bengaluru, he said that personal attack has no place in Karnataka's political culture. On Friday, BJP MLA and former Union minister Basangouda Patil Yatnal lambasted Bommai during a protest in Bommai's Assembly constituency, Shiggaon. Issue-based differences can be there but individual accusations are not good, Bommai said. "Responding to Congress' promise of free power up to 200 units, Bommai said the it is the same party that has pushed the escoms to debt traps, he said, adding that it requires over Rs 9,000 crore to implement it.

WATER DIVERSION

Kalasa-Banduri project: Goa govt moves SC

ENS @ Belagavi

The Goa government has moved the Supreme Court on Saturday in an attempt to halt Karnataka from going ahead with the Kalasa-Banduri project after the Centre approved the project's revised DPR, and gave a green signal to the state government. However, it is highly unlikely that the Goa government would succeed in stopping the Kalasa-Banduri project as the CM has announced that tenders will be invited soon.

According to sources, an interlocutory application was filed by the Goa government in the SC. A decision was taken to file an application in the court based on the legal grounds that Section 29 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 imposes a complete embargo on diverting water in wildlife sanctuaries. Goa government has contended that the Mahadayi Water Dispute Tribunal stipulated that for execution of any work in the Mahadayi basin, all requisite approvals including from the Chief Wildlife Warden of Goa is needed. Goa's argument is water diversion from Mahadayi basin via Mahadayi Wildlife Sanctuary cannot be taken up irrespective of Centre's approval.

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department, Special Division, Hunsur

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ZILLA PANCHAYATH RAICHUR
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION RAICHUR

NO./EE/RDWS&S/RCR/TS/JJM/2022-23/ DATED : 11-01-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer RDWS & S Division Raichur invites tenders from eligible tenderers Registered under e-procurement civil contractors in Panchayath Engineering Department, for Providing water supply scheme to below works, as per KW-2, 3 & 4 Standard Bid Document Under JJM 2022-23 GOI&GOK Fund (90%) &Community Contribution (10%) and 15th Finance TP. The tenderers may submit tenders for the works given in the table in GOK e- Procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in only as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed.

1)Notification Date: 11-01-2023 2) Download of tender schedule documents online: 12-01-2023 3) Pre Bid Meeting at Office of the Executive Engineer, RDWS&S, Division, Raichur, 2nd Floor, Zilla Panchyath, Raichur: 16-01-2023 at 11:00 4) Last date for receiving of filled tender documents: 21-01-2023 at 5:30 Pm 5) Opening of Technical bid : 23-01-2023 at 11:00 Am 6) Opening of Financial bid : 24-01-2023 at 11:00 Am

Indent Nos.:- Lingasugur:47900/CALL-2, 47933/CALL-2, 47943/CALL-2, 47948/CALL-2, 47954/CALL-2, 47955/CALL-2, 47997/CALL-2, 47983/CALL-2 ST Reserved Manvi: 47990/CALL-2, 48010/CALL-2, 48011/CALL-2, 47299/CALL-2, 47329/CALL-2, 51009/CALL-2, 51010/CALL-2, 49145/CALL-2, 49150/CALL-2, 49146/CALL-2, 51014/CALL-2, 49144/CALL-2, 51018/CALL-2, 51008/CALL-2, 49141/CALL-2 Raichur:47313/CALL-2, 47957/CALL-2, 47959/CALL-2, 47972/CALL-2, 49079/CALL-2 Sindhanur :53057/CALL-2

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DIP/Raichur/534/K.S.M.A & C/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDWS&S. Divn, Raichur

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that **I have lost the original of the will dated 23-10-1996 which is registered as document No 270/96-97 of Book III in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore, executed by my father late Mr. Narasaiaha residing of No.13, 1st main Road, Venkatarampura, Rajamahal Guttahalli, Bangalore - 560003.** If anyone has found the same or having any claim on the strength of the said will, please restore the said will to me or lodge the claim if any with me **within one week** from the date of publication of this notice. If no claim is lodged I will presume that the original of the will is lost and no one has any claim on the strength of the said will.

N. SRINIVASA
No.40, 3rd Cross, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore - 560003. **Date:13-01-2023**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are here by \cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
Mr. Mohamed Mouazzam Azeez and Ms. Shahana Tarannum Mouazzam Loan Account No. 412200003357 Symbolic Possession on 10/01/ 2023	07/04/2022	**Rs. 8,37,11,450.36 as of 03.08.2022**	**Corporation NO.56:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF LAND** together with the dilapidated structures standing thereon bearing Corporation NO.56, (Earlier bearing No.87/91, Later bearing No.91), situated at Ebrahim Saheb Street, Corporation Ward NO.79, PID NO.79-3-56, Bangalore more fully shown in the plan annexed hereto and bounded on the **EAST BY** : Private Property; **WEST BY :** Private Property; **NORTH BY** : Private Property **SOUTH BY** : Ebrahim Saheb Street; and measuring on the **East** - 50 feet and 24 feet 2 inches; **West**- 73 feet 3 inches; North - 29 feet 7 inches; South - 18 feet 6 inches and 7 feet 3 inches; **Totally measuring in all 1640 Square feet.** **Corporation NO.57:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF LAND** together with the dilapidated structure standing thereon bearing Corporation No.57, Old No.90, situated at Ebrahim Saheb Street, Corporation Ward No.79, PID No.79-3-57, Bangalore and bounded on the : **EAST BY** : Property bearing No.58, Ebrahim Saheb Street, belonging to the Vendor and sold this day to the purchaser here in, **WEST BY :** Property bearing No.56, Ebrahim Saheb Street, belonging to the Purchaser herein and Private Property; **NORTH BY**: Private Property; **SOUTH BY :** Ebrahim Saheb Street; And measuring on the: **EAST** : 48 feet and 36 feet; **WEST :** 48 feet and 36 feet; **NORTH :** 8 feet and 6 inches and 7 feet 10 inches; **SOUTH**: 15 feet and 1 feet 4 inches; **Totally measuring in all 1026 Square feet** **Corporation NO.58:-** All That Piece And Parcel Of Land together with the dilapidated structures standing thereon bearing Corporation NO.58, situated at Ebrahim Saheb Street, Corporation No.79, PID No.79-3-58, Bangalore and bounded on the: **EAST BY** : Private Property; (Earlier described as Akkappa Setty's house): **WEST BY :** Property bearing No.57, Ebrahim Saheb Street, belonging to the Vendors & sold this day to the Purchaser herein: **NORTH BY** : Private Property **SOUTH BY** : Ebrahim Saheb Street; and measuring on the East to west - 9 feet 11 inches; North to South - 84 feet 6 inches; **Totally measuring in all 841 Square feet** **Totally measuring in all 3533.33 Square feet:**

Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

ULB Code : 803162

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Swachh Survekshan

Our Move is Towards Cleanliness
Increased Focus, Enhanced Vision

Cleanliness is our Priority

Cleanliness is not just for our home. Our street, our neighbourhood also needs it. The country also needs it. Because it is not enough to keep only our house and courtyard clean, the entire country has to be kept clean. Keeping this in mind, the Swachh Bharat Campaign sponsored by the Government of India has been launched in every village and city of our country. The objective of this campaign is to build toilets and change the infrastructure of the country.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike is trying its best to make our favourite garden city one of the cleanest cities in the country under the Swachh Survekshan Abhiyan. It seeks the participation of the public in this regard.

Aims of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan :

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- Segregation of waste materials at home.
- Keeping the Roads Clean.
- Creating awerness on cleanliness among street vendors.
- Properly Collection and disposal of sanitary napkins.
- Banning plastic bags.
- Banning spitting and urinating in public places
- Eradication of open defecation.
- Bringing mental change towards sanitation among the public.
- Complete eradication of slums.
- Complete elimination of manual scavenging.
- To create awareness about sanitation among the public.
- The Swachh Survekshan Abhiyan is a good beginning to make India clean and green. If all the citizens come together and participate in this campaign, we can restore the past glory of our garden city and achieve much more than that.

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15th January 2023
Our Army always puts the Nation first.
I salute all those great individuals
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OUR FALLEN HEROES IN THE YEAR 2022

RANK	NAME	ARMS/SERVICES
SEPOY	SANTOSH YADAV	INFANTRY
SEPOY	CHAVAN ROMIT TANAJI	INFANTRY
HAVILDAR	JUGAL KISHOR	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	ANKESH BHARDWAJ	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	AKSHAY PATHANIA	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	VISHAL SHARMA	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	RAKESH SINGH	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	ARUN KATTAL	INFANTRY
GUNNER	GURBAJ SINGH	ARTILLERY
SUBEDAR	PRABHU SINGH	INFANTRY
NAIK	ALTHAF AHAMAD	ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS
LANCE NAIK	NISHAN SINGH	INFANTRY
LIEUTENANT COLONEL	KAPIL DEV PANDEY	INFANTRY
SUBEDAR	UMESH LAMA	INFANTRY
SUBEDAR	SAJIT SUBBA	INFANTRY
NAIB SUBEDAR	SITARAM RAI	INFANTRY
HAVILDAR	CHANDAN GURUNG	INFANTRY
HAVILDAR	DEEPKAR PRADHAN	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	PRITAM KUMAR DUTTA	INFANTRY
HAVILDAR	MILAN TAMANG	INFANTRY
HAVILDAR	BEDHYAN RAI	INFANTRY
NAIK	TSHERING LEPCHA	INFANTRY
NAIK	DIWANKAR THAPA	INFANTRY
LANCE NAIK	BHUPEN RAI	INFANTRY

RANK	NAME	ARMS/SERVICES
LANCE NAIK	BISHAL CHHETRI	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	MD JIARUL HOQUE	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	BALARAM SHARMA	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	SANKAR CHHETRI	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	LADUP TAMANG	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	MARCUS GURUNG	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	SANJAY ORAON	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	BENJAMIN RAI	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	TAK BAHADUR THAPA	INFANTRY
HAVILDAR	SANTU BANERJEE	INFANTRY
HAVILDAR	UMESH LIMBU	INFANTRY
NAIK	CHHEDUP LAMA	INFANTRY
LANCE HAVILDAR	BIKRAM SARKI	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	PRASANTA DEB	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	SANJOY DEBNATH	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	SK MAHIUDDIN AHMED	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	SHUBHAM KUMAR SINGH	INFANTRY
SUBEDAR	SHAMSHER SINGH CHAUHAN	ARMY EDUCATION CORPS
MAJOR	SANKALP YADAV	ARTILLERY
NAIK	JASBIR SINGH	INFANTRY
SUBEDAR	RAJENDRA PRASAD	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	MANOJ KUMAR	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	NISHANT MALIK	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	LAKSHMANAN D	INFANTRY

RANK	NAME	ARMS/SERVICES
HAVILDAR	SATYAPAL	INFANTRY
SEPOY	RAJESH KUMAR	INFANTRY
LANCE NAIK	KSHIRSAGAR PRASAD KAILAS	ARTILLERY
LANCE NAIK	BISHOWAJIT NARAH	INFANTRY
SEPOY	TASOUNII R	INFANTRY
SUBEDAR	SHINDE VIJAYRAO SARJERAO	INFANTRY
NAIB SUBEDAR	GURUDAYAL SAHU	INFANTRY
NAIK	MOHAMED SAIJAL T	INFANTRY
NAIK	JADHAV PRASHANT SHIVAJI	INFANTRY
NAIK	RAMANUJ KUMAR	INFANTRY
NAIK	SANDEEP KUMAR PAL	INFANTRY
SEPOY	BAPPADITYA KHUTIA	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	PRIYAM DUTTA	INFANTRY
NAIK	ROHIT RAI	INFANTRY
NAIB SUBEDAR	SOM BAHADUR SUBBA	INFANTRY
LANCE NAIK	MONAJ KUMAR CHETTRI	INFANTRY
SEPOY	DEVENDRA SINGH	INFANTRY
SUBEDAR	BAJARANG LAL	INFANTRY
NAIK	PRAVEEN SINGH	INFANTRY
RIFLEMAN	KULBUSHAN MANTA	INFANTRY
NAIK	BHONDE CHANDRASEKHAR RUPCHAND	INFANTRY
HAVILDAR	BARIA TULSI BHAI RAYAJI BHAI	INFANTRY

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Bannerghatta Biological Park on Saturday held a Zoo Club convocation programme for 12 to 18 year olds for a 15-week course on wildlife and conservation. The aim of the programme was to create awareness among youngsters about the importance of forests and wildlife conservation

One Nation One Poll: TN parties take divergent stance

While oppn AIADMK, BJP support the idea, ruling DMK and its ally Cong oppose saying it is against Constitution

T MURUGANANDHAM AND S KUMARESAN @ Chennai

THE two Dravidian majors of Tamil Nadu, the DMK and the AIADMK, have expressed contrasting views over holding simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies with the AIADMK supporting the idea and the DMK opposing it. Except BJP, most other political parties in Tamil Nadu, too, have opposed the move.

The Law Commission had asked all parties to submit their views on holding simultaneous polls by January 15.

A senior leader of the AIADMK shared the party's position on 'one nation, one poll' with *TNSE*. The leader, however, declined to divulge the details of the communication sent to the Law Commission saying that it would be made public by the party leadership at an appropriate time. While giving its reasons for supporting the idea, the AIADMK has also made some suggestions for overcoming practical difficulties in implementing it, the leader said.

When asked about the DMK's stand on the issue, party's organising secretary RS Bharathi told *TNSE* that the DMK has been opposing the idea for a long time and has already raised its voice in Parliament against it since it is against democratic principles. "We will raise the issue again in Parliament in the budget session," he said.

Congress floor leader in TN Assembly K Selvaperunthagai said the idea is against the basic tenets of the Constitution. For example, the people of Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh elected their new governments last month, just 18 months before the LS polls. In such a situation, dissolution of state assemblies for conducting elections along with the Lok Sabha polls is impossible, he said.

CPI state secretary R Mutharasan said, "The idea is good. But it is impossible to implement it in a country like India. After 1968, simultaneous elections became impossible in India as many state assemblies were dissolved due to political disturbances. Even central governments lacked stability after 1977. Even if a panchayat ward member post becomes vacant, a byelection should be held to reelect a representative. The BJP is promoting RSS agenda. RSS wants to bring in a presidential form of government."

TIT FOR TAT

Tharoor hits back, says CMs in Kerala don't wear coats

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kannur

"CHIEF ministers in Kerala do not wear coats," said Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor, in an apparent reply to Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala who had criticised "those who had stitched coats for the CM post".

"I have no idea which coat they are speaking about. This coat (the one he is wearing) is not that of the CM," he quipped.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of E Ahammed commemoration programme organised by IUML in Kannur on Saturday, Tharoor said journalists should seek clarification from those who made the remark.

"I don't care about what people say about me. I am getting invites from various parts of Kerala as people want to see me. There is no need to stay away from such programmes. I do this, as I have been doing this for the last 14 years. If I get invites, I would speak if time permits," said Tharoor.

Earlier, Chennithala had said, "If someone has stitched a coat for the CM post, they should be ready to leave it behind and work for the success of the party in the upcoming Parliamentary elections."

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Shashi Tharoor

It was observed that Chennithala was obliquely referring to Tharoor, who is getting ready to become the chief minister candidate of the Congress in Kerala.

Continuing his interaction with the leaders of various communities, Tharoor met the leaders of KNM Markazudawa at Payyambalam on Saturday.

Speaking at the IUML programme, Tharoor said the BJP is aiming to turn India into a Hindu nation. He said the BJP is trying to reconstruct history and politics to suit its political agenda.

"The construction of temple at Ayodhya is a part of this agenda. The false campaign that Muslims had come to India through invasion is another argument that BJP consistently raises," Tharoor said.

"Laws have been made so that the government could put anyone in the prison at its will. It wants to intimidate all to spread waves of fear among the people and to come to power next time also by taking advantage of this fear," he said. "If it comes to power again, it would amend the Constitution. They would even try to create a Hindu nation. To defeat this agenda, all sections of society should unite," Tharoor said.

DMK suspends orator for speech against Guv

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

Hours after Raj Bhavan lodged a complaint with city police commissioner accusing DMK orator of making derogatory statement against Governor RN Ravi in a public meeting, the party suspended the orator, Shivaji Krishnamurthy, on Saturday "for bringing disrespect to the party".

In his complaint, Deputy Secretary to Governor, S Prasanna Ramasamy, on Saturday said a video of Shivaji Krishnamurthy using most abusive, defamatory, derogatory and intimidating language against the Governor had been uploaded on various social media and was going viral. Besides, he also attached a copy of the video along with the complaint.

The complaint also said the abusive and intimidatory speech of Shivaji Krishnamurthy attracts Section 124 of the Indian Penal Code besides other relevant sections of the law.

Raj Bhavan sources also pointed out DMK organising secretary RS Bharathi's speech at a public meeting. In the meeting he had said, "If indicated, we would have thrown what we had in our hands on Governor."

Meanwhile, BJP state president, K Annamalai, also wrote a letter to DGP on Saturday urging the police to take action against Shivaji Krishnamurthy for his derogatory speech against the Constitutional head of the state.

After the news about Raj Bhavan's complaint against Shivaji Krishnamurthy aired in various news channels, the DMK general secretary announced his suspension on Saturday late evening.

POWER OF LIGHT

Devotees view 'Makarajyothi' in front of Sabarimala Lord Ayyappa temple in Kerala on Saturday. According to Travancore Devaswom Board, more than 2 lakh devotees thronged the hill shrine on the day | SHAJI VETTIPURAM

HDK: Why cops questioning 'Santro' Ravi in only one case?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FORMER chief minister and JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy has raised several questions over the manner in which alleged power broker 'Santro' Ravi was arrested in Gujarat and brought to Karnataka. Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Saturday, Kumaraswamy questioned why Ravi was not arrested in Pune and allowed to reach Gujarat.

"With their party in power, the BJP can do anything. Except the case of a Mysuru woman filing an FIR against Ravi, why are his other crimes being kept under cover? It appears that lot of documentary evidence have been snatched from Ravi", he said, adding, "Karnataka police brought him to the state through a VIP gate at the airport and took him to an undisclosed destination, avoiding the media. The gate is meant for high-profile people like the prime minister and the chief minister. How can a criminal be given this privilege?" Kumaraswamy questioned.

Speaking about the forthcoming Assembly polls in the state, HDK said Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent rally held in Mandya will not have any impact on the electorate and claimed that JDS will win all the seven seats in the district. On reports of Social Democratic Party of India coming closer to JDS, HDK said, "As we have decided not to contest all the 224 Assembly seats, we have kept the option of tie ups with smaller parties open".

On the quota row, he alleged that some politicians have been instigating heads of religious institutions to raise the issue of the reservation. "As for the demand of Vokkaligas for 12% quota, I have suggested to Sri Nirmalananda Swamiji that we should have a locus standi with detailed statistics based on a study," he said.

Police bring 'Santro' Ravi to produce him before a judge in Mysuru on Saturday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Ravi quizzed for 8 hours

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

THE police on Saturday questioned KS Manjunath alias 'Santro' Ravi in Mysuru for almost eight hours.

Ravi, who is at the centre of a political storm, has been accused in rape, dowry and atrocity cases. He was allowed to take an insulin injection every hour during the interrogation to control his blood sugar level. The Mysuru city police arrested Ravi and three others — Ramji, Sruthesh Kumar and Madhusudhan — from Ahmedabad Gujarat on Friday. They were brought to Vijayanagar police station on Saturday morning where a complaint has been filed by Ravi's second wife. The police brought Ravi to the police station after conducting medical tests on him at KR Hospital at 5 am. He was interrogated by investigation officer ACP Shivashankar and City Police Commissioner Ramesh B. ADGP Alok Kumar also visited the police station at 11.30 am.

After interrogating Ravi for nearly an hour, Alok Kumar told the media hat the accused was questioned in a case related to a complaint filed in the Vijayanagar police station. "We have not questioned him on any other charges or complaints. Our priority is to investigate the complaint filed in Vijayanagar police station. After we complete the investigation in this case, we will take up the probe into other complaints. We will produce him before the judge and appeal to hand him over to police custody for further investigation," he said.

"We are investigating to know if a few others are involved in helping the accused to evade police arrest," Alok Kumar added. On Ravi's health condition, Alok Kumar said he is in good health, but is taking insulin injection for diabetes every hour.

The Mysuru City police produced Ravi and two others, Ramji and Sruthesh Kumar, before the sixth additional district and sessions judge on Saturday evening. Magistrate Gururaj remanded all the three to 14 days in judicial custody.

ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH

1 killed, 8 injured in Odisha stampede

CUTTACK: A woman was killed and eight others injured, including several children, in a stampede that occured on the T-Setu bridge over Mahanadi river in Cuttack district on Saturday. The bridge connects the famous Singhnath Pitha, a Shiva shrine at Gopinathpur. Huge rush of people and unregulated traffic is said to have led to the stampede. Over 1.5 lakh people had turned up for offering Makar Sankranti prayers in the shrine and visit the popular fair Bali Makar Mela. ENS

KTR to head team for Davos WEF meet

HYDERABAD: Telangana IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao will lead a delegation to the World Economic Forum (WEF), which will be held in Davos, Switzerland, from January 16 to 20. It will be the fifth time for a business delegation from Telangana to participate in the WEF summit. KT Rama Rao will meet the top leadership of several global marquee companies at the Telangana Pavilion. ENS

'Tech demo in a year or two'

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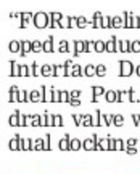
"FOR re-fueling, we have developed a product called Standard Interface Docking and Refueling Port. It is a fill-and-drain valve with a combined dual docking mechanism fuel station which can also enable re-fueling future interplanetary missions," Sakthikumar added.



Sakthikumar R, CEO & Founder of OrbitAID Aerospace

OrbitAID is in talks with ISRO and some international partners for the launch. "We plan to do the technology demonstration in a year or two," Sakthi said. The plans also entail on-orbit-servicing (OOS) for space applications. "OOS entails servicing, repairing and even upgrading satellites that are in orbit," he said.

He added, "With a growing need for OOS the world over and the push from the the Union government to support private enterprises in space, the time is ripe for installing an indigenous homegrown space enterprise that seeks to challenge the paradigm of satellite launches and their cost."

NO DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS, 392 EATERIES FINED IN B'LURU

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING a special drive in December 2022, BBMP penalised 392 restaurants, hotels and pubs for violating the code of conduct and not having Designated Smoking Areas (DSA) on their premises.

BBMP has made designated smoking areas mandatory for all restaurants, bars or pubs with a seating capacity of more than 30. The area should come with provisions of automated doors, exhaust fans for ventilation without permeating in the non-smoking area. It must also be surrounded by walls on all its four sides. The area should not be located near the entry and exit of the venue and must be clearly marked "Smoking Area".

BBMP said there are 2,385 restaurants in the city with a seating capacity of over 30, and those should have a smoking area. The officials said that 392 restaurants, pubs, hotels or eateries did not have the area and were penalised.

Dr KV Thrilok Chandra, BBMP, special commissioner (health), said that in total, a fine of Rs 1,10,500 has been imposed on all the eateries. Of the total eateries, only 58 eateries had a smoking area.

PC Rao, president, Bruhat Bengaluru Hotel Association (BBHA), said that it was not ideal for non-smoking food places to have a mandatory smoking area, which is a major reason why several food places are switching to non-smoking areas.

BBHA supports the initiative of no-smoking zones in restaurants and food places as they do not want to promote smoking, he said.

Rao said that he has also taken up the issue with BBMP not to make smoking areas mandatory in eateries.

Since in pubs and bars, people are drinking, those place should be under radar and not the regular eateries, he said.

DEADLOCK

Village fights for grazing land, DC for playground

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

YELLUR village in Belagavi is back in news. Its gram panchayat (GP) has locked horns with the district administration after the deputy commissioner issued a notification ordering the GP to surrender 44 acres of land for development of a sports ground.

The Yellur GP members held a meeting and passed a resolution to oppose the move as the ground is being used for grazing cattle.

The villagers were angered by the visit of a team of district officials who conducted an inspection of the land for the proposed project. The notification issued by deputy commissioner Nitesh Patil also came like a bolt for the villagers as the issue was in cold storage for some time.

The open ground which has been identified for development of a sports ground in Yellur village of Belagavi district | EXPRESS

Yellur GP claims that many farmers are dependent on the land, which also houses a government school, a temple, a garbage depot and few houses. The notice has ordered the GP to vacate all these structures.

The GP members say that the land meant for grazing cattle land is spread over 66 acres and 17 guntas, of which the district administration is asking them to surrender 44 acres. They say that if the take over happens, the remaining 22 acres 17 guntas will not be sufficient for the villagers to graze their cattle.

The GP members are now planning to take the legal route to fight their case

All flyers must pay UDF in Mangaluru airport now

ENS @ Mangaluru

COME February 1, passengers arriving at the Mangaluru International Airport (MIA) will have to pay User Development Fee (UDF). The Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India has permitted MIA to charge user development fee on fliers arriving at the airport for the first time and to hike the UDF on departing passengers.

The UDF will increase every year up to March 2026. The present fee charged for departing passengers is Rs 150 for domestic passengers and Rs 825 for international passengers. It will be increased from Rs 150 to 560 from April 2023, and Rs 700 from April 2024 and Rs 735 from April 2025. For international departures, the user fee will be hiked from present Rs 825 to Rs 1,105 from April. It will further go up to Rs 1,120 from April 2025. UDF for passengers arriving at the MIA will go up from Rs 150 to Rs 240 from March 2024 and then to Rs 315 from April 2025. The arriving international passengers will be charged Rs 330 from February to March and from then onwards they have to pay Rs 435 upto March 2024. The same will go up to Rs 480 from April 2025.

A release from the Mangaluru International Airport Ltd said it had moved the AERA seeking revision in aeronautical tariff in order to give best in-class experience to the passengers.

If you want total security, go to prison. There you're fed, clothed, given medical care to live and so on. The only thing lacking... is freedom

Dwight D. Eisenhower

WHAT HAPPENS IN DAVOS STAYS IN DAVOS

THE THIRD EYE

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IT is that time of the year when ideas, intellectuals and a large caravan of global net worth travel to the mountains, to the annual jamboree of the World Economic Forum at the ski resort town of Davos in Switzerland. This week, the much-celebrated confluence of public purpose and private profit, will brainstorm or in WEF lingo "engage in constructive, forward-looking dialogues and help find solutions through public-private cooperation". Doubtless, it will occupy primetime media and mind space. The optics is about making the world a better place. The opportunity is about networking amidst moolah and minds with messianic zeal.

It is said talk is cheap. Not when it is Davos, if it means breathing rarefied air with billionaires, heads of state and the momentarily conscientious tinsel star. As any realtor would tell you location does matter. The fancy digs – a chalet or a penthouse apartment – could cost upwards of the annual per capita income of G7 nations. For those willing to rough it out, just to attend sessions on moolah mantra garnished with celeb spice, the cost for a bed under a decent roof would be roughly $1200 or more than the annual per capita income of 30 countries. The attendees will stimulate the economy of Davos in the hope of stimulating their minds with ideas and intellectuals.

Of course being at GPS 46.802128 9.833477 is not mandatory but presence is enabled by a seductive illusion, of hope and the promise of migrating in status -- from wannabe to would be. Over the next four days, more than 1500 leaders – the list of attendees is 79-page long -- including over 50 heads of state, 600 CEOs will mark their presence at WEF. The Indian delegation besides the billionaires brigadeincludes four Union ministers and three chief ministers. The US delegation has six members of the Biden Administration, including climate envoy John Kerry and a dozen elected members from both Houses.

The genius of the idea propagated by Klaus Schwab is essentially the scent of relevance it conveys, the currency of being somebody, that fleeting moment of immediacy and rare intimacy in thoughts. The idea which has persistently persuaded the rich and the famous, heads of state and global corporations is that being visible at WEF every January matters!

The banner this year is 'Cooperation in a Fragmented World'. The title may sound familiar to regulars. The 2018 banner read 'Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World'. That year the WEF invited Donald Trump, then US President. The New York Times headline read 'Fox in the Globalist Henhouse?' The Davos men witnessed, up close and personal, the man whose campaign raged against the "party of Davos", the globalizers, as ideological enemies. Trump declared "I am here today to represent the interests of the American People" and spoke about America First.

The call to action in 2015 similarly was about altered geopolitics. The title was 'The New Global Context'. It was inspired by an anniversary – in 1815 the world gathered at the Vienna Congress in search of peace and a new world order. On January 16, 2015, in what could be an enduring comment, the German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier defined 2015 as "a world in search of a new order." In 2023 déjà vu must be experiencing déjà vu. Not very different you could say but yet differentiated.

Consider the art of making a distinction without differing. In 1973, the WEF issued what it called the Davos Manifesto. The crux read: "The purpose of professional management is to serve clients, shareholders, workers and employees, as well as societies, and to harmonize the different interests of the stakeholders." In 2020 Schwab updated the manifesto. It now reads: "The purpose of a company is to engage all its stakeholders in shared and sustained value creation. In creating such value, a company serves not only its shareholders, but all its stakeholders – employees, customers, suppliers, local communities and society at large." The new manifesto, in its full explanatory version, is 139-word longer.

The essence of WEF is its ability to discern and blend, profits and popular pulse. There is no dearth of issues confronting the world and as always the 2023 agenda is riveted by concerns. For instance, 'Addressing the Current Energy and Food Crises in the context of a New System for Energy, Climate and Nature'; 'Addressing the Current Geopolitical Risks in the context of a New System for Dialogue and Cooperation in a Multipolar World' and if you so choose, 'Addressing the Current High Inflation, Low Growth, High Debt Economy in the context of a New System for Investment, Trade and Infrastructure'.

Does Davos make a difference? While the optics may suggest that WEF meetingscreate quantum change in how the world engages with issues, in reality it is at best a venue which brings issues and people face-to-face. Sure, there have been offshoots which have got propagated and nurtured. The reality is that public-private cooperation is governed by the statute of limitations in a world of nation states informed and influenced by domestic politics.

Catalysis of collective consciousness does not necessarily alter collective conscience. What happens in Davos verily stays in Davos.

TO WIN 2024 BJP NEEDS MAXIMUM MODI

POWER & POLITICS

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WILL he or won't he? Speculators are trading heavily in Indian political markets. Does Prime Minister need to recast his cabinet and restructure the BJP? And with nine states, including Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, going to polls before the Lok Sabha elections in 2024, there is no time better than now to lobby for prominence. At stake are a possible revamp of the Union Cabinet and a reorganisation of the party structure, with President JP Nadda's term ending this month. It is a momentous occasion in the calendar of a politician's life. An opportunity to be presented, freshly groomed, as a live mannequin in the show window of Prime Minister Modi's government. There is, however, one big problem. Ever since Modi took over in 2014, the system of patronage has been dismantled ruthlessly, stripped of the political logic that used to guide it: states going to the elections would get a higher share of the cabinet, identity quotas, and even corporate considerations. None of those is applicable any longer.

Prime Minister Modi has changed the narrative of Indian politics from dynasty to meritocracy, entitlement to quiet effort, and individual fiefdoms to a redeemed republic. If the inner workings of this redeemed republic are hard to read for those used to politics as usual, so be it; if hopefuls who descend on Delhi on occasion to market themselves and hawk their wares are routinely disappointed, so be it; if those looking to be adjusted in the well-worn politics of compromise are turned away, so be it.

Predicting the actions of the Prime Minister is like venturing into a lion's den. He strikes lethally when he is visibly calm and composed. For the past nine years, his selection of ministers and key officers has defied all political punditry, and even the tried and tested twin principles of eligibility and winnability. In some cases, even the essential qualification of ideological identification with the Leader has been overlooked. Could anyone have predicted that Modi would induct a voluntarily retired IAS officer into his cabinet and hand over key portfolios to him? Could any of the dime-a-dozen fortune tellers who once haunted the city's power corridors have hinted that a woman would not only become India's first female defence minister and finance minister? Or that a woman would head the erstwhile human resource development ministry.

When creating an administrative algorithm, Modi has beaten the super techs hollow. His team delivers the results as commended by his directions and directives. Most of them perform according to a template designed by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). Each ministry's policy and key administrative decisions are first conceived in the PMO and then delivered by the individual ministers. It is the Prime Minister who speaks authoritatively on each subject. He leads from the front and thinks outside of the box. Unlike other leaders in the past, Modi is a 24X7 prime minister for all 365 days. Barring a few, most of the ministers are either invisible or barely performing assets. On paper, though, he leads a 77-member council of ministers. Of them, 28 are cabinet ministers, two are ministers of state with independent charge, and 47 are ministers of state. The composition doesn't reflect any pattern, whether regional, gender, community or religious. There is no playbook he follows, no rulebook that others can decipher. It is a palimpsest, and only he can write the story of Indian politics that he wants to tell.

He has retained more than a dozen ministers from his first term as prime minister. He is perhaps the first prime minister after Jawaharlal Nehru who has used his power to reshape and reshuffle his cabinet the least number of times. During 2014-19, he did it thrice. But so far, he has tinkered with his team only once. Atal Bihari Vajpayee revamped his team four times during his last five years. Normally, prime ministers indulge in reinventing their teams on the eve of elections to ward off anti-incumbency against inefficient ministers, correct regional imbalances or accommodate a few leaders from the states going to the polls. But Modi doesn't suffer from such infirmities, as the elections, both for the Lok Sabha and in the states, are won in his name, by him and for him.

The slogan Double Engine Sarkar was coined by Team Modi only to make sure that state voters and the party connect more with him than the local chief minister or party leaders. In the current cabinet, except for a couple of them, none others can ensure the victory of the party in their own states. Even states haven't been given reasonably proportional representation, according to the Lok Sabha members in the cabinet, because the Prime Minister placed more emphasis on individuals than on their caste or regional affinity. For example, though Uttar Pradesh sent 62 BJP members to the Lok Sabha in 2019, it has only two cabinet ministers, Rajnath Singh and Mahendra Nath Pandey, who originally belonged to the state. Other cabinet ministers, barring Smriti Irani, were inducted into the government through election as Rajya Sabha members.

Once the prime minister takes a final call on his team, the process of inducting new faces into the organisation will start. The new party structure has to be in tune with the government. Even now, all the ministers have been assigned party work and allocated a specific number of parliamentary constituencies to visit at regular intervals. The BJP led by Nadda is quite top heavy with 12 vice presidents, nine general secretaries, 13 secretaries and a treasurer. Even the state level leadership has shrunk in status and credibility. Anonymity yields guided unanimity. The party hierarchy is dominated by karyakartas (workers), not netas (leaders).

In the past, when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the prime minister, he left it to L K Advani to handle the government and the organisation. The idea of the duopoly remains intact, with Modi replacing Vajpayee and Home Minister Amit Shah taking Advani's place. During the Atal-Advani era, the party president and the RSS played an important role in the final outcome. But now, the role of the RSS has been both minimised and marginalised. It's Shah who plays Advani's role but with much more involvement of grassroots workers.

Party insiders feel that both Modi and Shah have to put in place a political structure and an administrative architecture to propel Modi's third term. But an analysis of both the Lok Sabha and over 25 assembly elections held since 2014 reveals that the BJP won most not because of a cohesive party but due to Modi Magic. A maximum Modi can win again with a minimum cabinet.

NOT THAT MUG AND T-SHIRT AGAIN PLEASE!

OPINION

ANURADHA GOYAL
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WE have just strolled past the peak season of gifting. On the one hand, advertisements served us a bouquet of options to pick gifts from, leaving us tempted at the very least. On the other, almost everyone in the corporate world was struggling to find a gift as a secret Santa while curious about the gift they would receive.

My shelves are filled with gifts – mostly mementoes from conferences and seminars I took part in. There are coffee mugs that I end up using as pen stands. T-shirts get distributed according to the size received. The one-off time I get a relevant gift, like a lovely calendar a publisher used to send till the pandemic pause.

Who does not like gifts? That's the popular belief we grew up on. Childhood birthday parties ended in a treasure hunt kind of gift unwrapping. As we grew old, gifting became a chore, a social norm to follow. There are enough jokes about recycling gifts with a pound of truth in them. Think of Son Papdi changing hands during Diwali. We are not just unthoughtful while gifting, but we also carry the weight of gifts we cannot use, waiting for the next opportunity to get rid of them, creating a vicious cycle.

Corporate gifting refuses to move ahead from Mugs, T-shirts and mementoes. Innovation for entrepreneurs running corporate gifting businesses is perhaps a leather wallet or a pen set. The conversation is totally lost if you ask them to explore options that people can use and appreciate.

Corporates' choice of gifts mostly depends on the companies that pitch to them, or more importantly, the ones who can supply anything at the last minute. Yes, people rarely have the time to plan for the gifts, but since it is part of the event's budget, anything that can be supplied quickly fits the bill. Now you understand why Mugs and T-Shirts top the charts.

India has a galaxy of art and craft forms that can be incorporated in anything we gift, making it a memorable or collectable item. I still cherish the custom-made watch I received at the 20th anniversary of Infosys that could show 25 time zones, making it very useful for the global nature of our work apart from being a collectable and usable gift.

Gift vouchers, especially e-vouchers, work well in certain scenarios like remote teams but have negligible recall value or emotional connect. I do not remember what I bought from the gift vouchers I received. More often than not, we end up using them for mundane things.

The same applies to souvenirs people like to pick up when they travel, as a memory or a gift for someone back home. Countries with limited options have a much wider range of souvenirs than our culturally rich regions.

There is a huge opportunity for offline and online gifting and souvenir markets. Tourist destinations and international business hubs that global travellers frequent are always looking for good souvenirs from basic to premium ranges. I always look for souvenirs that are light to carry and represent the essence of the place visited. Online portals can provide options and deliver bigger souvenirs to chosen addresses.

A good inspiration for choosing well-thought gifts is the Prime Minister's gifts to G7 leaders recently. It had cufflinks and a brooch made in Varanasi's Gulabi Minakari for the Americans. A platinum hand-painted tea set for the tea-loving British and black pottery for Japanese who appreciate the delicate art of pottery. A Ram Durbar in lacquerware for the Indonesians, who live Ramayana through their performances. Each gift was perfectly chosen for the leader and the people they represent. Craftily chosen gifts are threads connecting two cultures or human beings.

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At a personal level, flowers are high on popularity charts, peaking around Valentine's days and wedding seasons. Only time will tell if they continue to be on top. Experience gifting saw some start-ups, but they did not pick up.

I was looking at the tradition of gifting in India and realised the custom had multiplied manifold due to marketing push by brands. Every festival, personal milestone like birthdays, anniversaries, promotions and our big fat weddings are gifting occasions. Brands use the occasions to push their products as gifts. So, every possible consumer brand has gifting as a revenue stream, but we see very few established brands around gifting.

The gifting industry puts the industry size at Rs 250,000 crore, with a large percentage coming from corporate gifting and the rest from personal gifting. Organised corporate gifting may have a better track of numbers; personal gifting may be as big if not bigger.

Think about the consumer brands in gifting and souvenirs, and you may think of Archies Galleries, which has remained relevant for generations, and some flower delivery brands. There are other big and small companies, but when it comes to gifting brands with an Indian flavour, there is a huge scope for entrepreneurship.

This is one space where tradition, culture, creativity, design and usability need to come together to come out with gifts that would delight both the giver and the receiver. Wheels that it would turn would include our traditional artists, designers and creative youth apart from the usual supply chain, technology and marketing folks.

Time to gift India a thriving Gifting Economy!

QUOTE CORNER

Indiaaaaaaaa.... This is the best news to wake up to!! #NaatuNaatu becomes the first ever Asian song to win a #GoldenGlobes. #RRRMovie

M M Keeravani, Music composer

The Australian government welcomes Cricket Australia's decision to withdraw from the upcoming men's One Day International series against Afghanistan, following the Taliban's increased suppression of women and girls' rights

Anika Wells, Australia's Sports Minister

I as a head of state acknowledge that there were gross human rights violations that did happen in many events. And I strongly regret that those violations occurred

Joko Widodo, Indonesian President

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Guv-govt relations

Apropos of 'The case of the Intractable Governor' (Jan 14).The columnist has talked about the governor's role from the Central government perspective. But in the current Assembly session, he was to be made a puppet of the State, which is also unacceptable. As the writer mentioned, he is an asset to the state, he has a duty to report to the President and Home Ministry. There must be a cordial relationship with the state government, but it doesn't mean Governor must be a puppet or bend down before the state government.

Mageshwar Marupeddi Suresh, email

In bad taste

Apropos of 'The case of the Intractable Governor' (Jan.14). Whether a Governor can skip any portion of his address prepared by the state government is subject to debate. However, the way the Governor was treated within the Tamil Nadu Assembly is wrong. MLAs shouting at him and a minister making ugly gestures at him showed the government in bad light.

S. Retnaswamy, Chennai

Encroached footpaths

It is difficult to walk on the street because footpaths are mostly encroached by shopkeepers or hawkers. At places, the footpaths are fenced in the name of growing plants by house owners. Added to this the by-lanes are half occupied by illegal parking of vehicles by strangers other than the house owners. It is the joint responsibility of citizens, GHMC and police to counsel the people to behave.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Compulsory Tamil

The bill passed by the TN assembly making Tamil mandatory in PSC exams will be a harsh blow to the linguistic minorities in TN, especially for Malayalees in Kanyakumari district and other parts of the state. In Kerala, there is no such discrimination. The minorities in TN are denied a level playing field in terms of equal opportunities.

PG Moorthy, Thiruvananthapuram

Cryogenic technology

HAL has delivered the biggest cryogenic propellant tank for ISRO. Cryogenic means low temperature. The word refers to the technology about sub-zero temperature. Cryogenic engine uses liquid oxygen as oxidiser and liquid hydrogen as fuel.

MS Rao, Bengaluru

Stale meat

Apropos of '500 kg of stale chicken seized from house' (January 13). According to the incident reported from Kochi in Kerala, health officials were alerted by the stench that emanated from the house. 'Meat' from this house, reportedly bought from neighbouring Tamil Nadu was being supplied to various eateries in the area. Food poisoning and its attendant mortality cannot be condoned.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Nasal spray

We highly appreciate medical experts (of John Hopkins University, USA) for the new, smart, excellent and innovative nasal spray idea, to stop coronavirus at the entry point of "breath-taking nostrils" itself. The spray acts like a sponge, sticking to the virus, and stopping it from entering the lungs.

Madhu Nivriti P S, Secunderabad

Middle-class budget

Apropos of 'RSS advises Centre to make Feb budget pro middle class' (January 14). The concerns of the RSS are welcome. Being neither rich nor poor, the middle class is generally a neglected lot. Suitable policies have to be framed to help them tide over inflation and unemployment.

Manoharan Muthuswamypillai, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

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New technologies for investigation, much needed steps and efforts on increasing the conviction rate, special focus on curbing menace of drug abuse.

Nitin Gadkari @nitin_gadkari
With the help of mechanization for harvesting, farmers can now send their cane to the sugar mills on time and avoid the chances of cane loss.

Bhagwant Mann @BhagwantMann
Heard the suffering of the patients and gave them courage...We will upgrade the hospital which was a victim of the apathy of the previous governments.

Divorce plea can't quash dowry case, says SC

Bench terms erroneous the Allahabad High Court order giving relief to husband on such ground

SHRUTI KAKKAR @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has recently observed that allegations of dowry demand cannot be called as highly improbable if the wife is suffering from AIDS or the divorce proceedings are pending.

"Merely because the wife was suffering from the disease AIDS and/or divorce petition was pending, it cannot be said that the allegations of demand of dowry were highly/inherently improbable and the said proceedings can be said to be bogus proceedings," a bench of Justices MR Shah and CT Ravikumar has observed.

The court's order was passed in a plea challenging Allahabad HC's May 9, 2019 ruling by which the court had quashed the criminal proceedings for section 498A/506 of IPC and sections 3/4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961. The relief was granted by the HC to the husband after considering that the allegations of demand of dowry were inherently improbable. According to the HC, the demand was "inherently improbable" as the original complainant (wife) was suffering from AIDS and a divorce petition was also pending between the parties.

Terming the HC's order as "erroneous", bench in their order said, "the reasoning given by the HC while quashing the criminal proceedings are not germane and the HC while quashing the criminal proceedings in exercise of powers under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (CrPC) has seriously erred and exceeded in its jurisdiction under Section 482 of CrPC. Once the charge sheet was filed, it cannot be said that the prosecution was bogus. Under the circumstances, the impugned judgment and order passed by the HC quashing the criminal proceedings is unsustainable."

In this case, the husband filed an application for divorce on the ground that the wife is suffering from the disease AIDS. The wife, thereafter, lodged FIR alleging that husband was demanding luxury car by way of dowry. The Allahabad High Court quashed the criminal proceedings observing that the complaint lodged against the husband demand of dowry is inherently improbable and that it falls in the category of a bogus prosecution.

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> Supreme Court

SC to hear *Kaali* filmmaker plea against multiple FIRs

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THE Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear on January 20, filmmaker Leena Manimekalai's plea seeking to quash multiple FIRs registered against her in various states for depicting Hindu Goddess Kaali smoking a cigarette in a poster of her movie *Kaali*.

A bench of CJI DY Chandrachud and Justice PS Narasimha agreed to consider filmmaker's plea pursuant to a request by her counsel on Friday.

Manimekalai in her plea has argued that she tried to project goddess as radically inclusive and kind in her short performance documentary where she was herself performing as the goddess and did not intend to offend religious sentiments of any person. It has further been stated in the plea that registration of multiple FIRs have resulted in infringement of her right to freedom of speech and expression.

She along with seeking stay on FIRs registered against her in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand has also sought for action against those who had issued threats to her on social media.

SS RAJAMOULI

THE REMARKABLE RESONANCE OF RAJAMOULI

RAM VENKAT SRIKAR @Chennai

SOURAV ROY

SS RAJAMOULI — with his unstoppable *RRR* — has catapulted Telugu cinema to a global pedestal and the American awards season continues to reward the epic historical fiction handsomely. In addition to being named one of the year's 10 best films by America's National Board of Review, the awards bagged by the film so far include Best Director at New York Film Critics Circle, Best International Film at Saturn Awards, Spotlight Award by the Hollywood Critics Association and Best Music from Los Angeles Film Critics Association, to name some. The latest and the biggest win came at the Golden Globe Awards where the song, *Naatu Naatu*, won the Best Original Song award over compositions by the likes of Rihanna, Lady Gaga, and Taylor Swift.

The MM Keeravani composition has transformed from an instant chartbuster that took the internet by storm in November 2021 — inspiring hundreds of thousands of reels — to a Golden Globe win last week, and this is as much a team effort as they come. While Chandrabose's earthy lyrics beautifully celebrated and encouraged us to see the beauty in 'our' way of life — from the food to the terrain — singers Kaala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj brought the lyrics to life with rare vocal energy. Finally, the lead actors, Jr NTR and Ram Charan, the faces of the film, elevated this energy multifold. But it all emerged from the vision of one man: SS Rajamouli, whose cinematic spell is bewitching global audiences now.

Last week at the TCL Chinese IMAX in Los Angeles, where 932 seats were sold out in 98 seconds for a RRR screening, patrons rushed to the front of the 97 feet wide screen to dance for *Naatu Naatu*. This is a culture commonly observed in India but RRR's ability to instigate such passion across the world is a result of SS Rajamouli's ability to make audiences feel rare euphoria. Crowd-pleasing, after all, has always been this filmmaker's strength.

SS Rajamouli has always been vocal about his modus operandi. His filmmaking style is driven by a strong desire to methodically understand audience reactions, second by second, minute by minute. A protege of veteran filmmaker K Raghavendra Rao, a filmmaker often credited for popularising the tropes of 'masala' cinema in Telugu, Rajamouli has so far managed to do what many of his seniors and contemporaries faltered at. From his first film, *Student No 1* (2001) to his latest, *RRR*, Rajamoulis's journey, like his films, have been growing in stature and scope.

After consecutively delivering five successful films between 2001 to 2006, one can begin to chart SS Rajamouli's growing ambition from *Yama Donga* (2007) which marked his first tryst with excessive VFX and grand sets. He took his vision a step further with *Magadheera* (2009). With *Eega* in 2012, we saw the clearest glimpse of his ambition and a tremendous example of his ability to make us root for anyone — even a housefly. This film marked the completion of Rajamouli's metamorphosis into a fully mature visual storyteller who began wielding emotion to do his bidding.

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His next labour of love, the *Baahubali* duology, reflected his mastery and forever changed Telugu cinema and how the business prospects of South Indian films were viewed. Had he peaked with the *Baahubali* films? How could he deliver something as superlative once again? Just like his films keep raising the stakes, his latest film, *RRR*, didn't just deliver on national fame, but it's gone another step and now, familiarised a global audience to the pleasures of Telugu cinema.

The nominees under the Best Director category of the 28th Annual Critics Choice Awards, alongside SS Rajamouli, include two legendary filmmakers who shaped modern cinema: Steven Speilberg and James Cameron. Filmmakers so far have only dreamed of having their name mentioned alongside these stalwarts. Now, it is a reality. Perhaps tomorrow, it will become a goal — and they would have one man to thank for making dreams tangible: SS Rajamouli.

The past week, in particular, has been rewarding for Rajamouli and his team.

IB to CPWD: Swiftly complete projects monitored by PMO

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

WITH its projects missing deadlines, the Intelligence Bureau has written to the Central Public Work Department to issue necessary directions to the concerned officials to ensure 'early' completion of ongoing works being monitored by the Prime Minister Office and Niti Ayog. The internal security agency, under the ministry of home (MHA), also flagged the issue of non-utilisation of funds allocated to the department for various projects.

In a recent letter to director general, construction management department of the ministry of housing and urban affairs of the CPWD, the intelligence agency said that non-utilisation of funds and non-completion of projects in stipulated time would not only adversely impact future allocations but it might invite adverse view from the audit and MHA.

Urging the CPWD to direct concerned officers to complete the project at the earliest and complete booking of funds allocated so far, IB also requested to surrender unspent money so that it could be used for other urgent projects. Taking note of the issues raised by the IG, the CPWD has asked its officials to optimally utilise the funds and expedite the work. It has also sought a report pertaining to the projects.

Along with the communiqué, IB provided a list of over 60 projects being executed by the CPWD at 24 locations across states. According to the list, there are 17 projects, where physical progress is below 50 percent and at least five of them haven't been initiated yet despite allocation. The IB's letter further stated that these projects are being monitored by the PMO and Niti Ayog.

"It is to bring your kind notice that during the current financial year 2022-23, Letter of Authorisations (LOAs) worth Rs 97.67 crore has been issued to CPWD on their request, for execution of our various ongoing works. However, CPWD has been merely able to book only Rs 44.67 crore as on December 15, 2022 which is merely 45.74 percent of the total amount released," read the letter.

Intelligence Bureau
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'... might invite adverse view from Home Ministry'

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Experts again ask Big B not to do 'unhealthy' biscuit ad

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @New Delhi

THE Nutrition Advocacy in Public Interest-India (NAPi), a national think-tank of independent medical experts, paediatricians and nutritionists, has again written to Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan against promoting a biscuit brand which they claim is unhealthy. They have also requested him not to endorse any unhealthy food products, which can be labelled as ultra-processed food products, in the future too.

The think-tank had earlier written to Big B, as he is famously known as, on December 28 for endorsing 'Britannia Milk Bikis.'

"The NAPi sincerely requests you to refuse this as well as any future endorsements of unhealthy food products, which can be labelled as 'ultra-processed food products or high fat/sugar and salty foods (HFSS)," said the letter, dated Jan 11.

The letter, which was signed by members of the advocacy group, also included an article which gives information on why ultra-processed food products (UPFs) are harmful to human health.

"Simply it means any food product containing more than 10 per cent sugar or saturated fat is HFSS. You can make a conscious decision whether to endorse a food product or not, which might be harmful to human health," said the letter.

The letter was also signed by Dr Vandana Prasad, community paediatrician, joint convenor of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan and National Convenor for Public Health Resource Network (PHRN).

Dr Arun Gupta, paediatrician and convener of NAPi, and one of the letter's signatories told this newspaper, that they have written again to the Bollywood star as they have not received any response from him.

He said in 2014, Bachchan had renounced his association with Pepsi due to its health implication on children. In 2018, he had also denied association with Horlicks on the same ground. "We are hopeful he will disassociate himself again this time too from promoting such unhealthy food products."

In their earlier letter to Bachchan on December 28, the NAPi had said they learned of his "association with Britannia Milk Bikis Biscuits through a recent KBC Junior commercial aired on television, YouTube, and other social media platforms".

"We are shocked and surprised to learn that you have chosen to endorse 'Britannia Milk Bikis' Biscuits on a children's TV programme. We want to draw attention to the fact that the advertisement for the biscuit brand misleads consumers by equating an unhealthy, ultra-processed and pre-packaged food product which is an industrial formulation, with real foods like 'atta roti' and 'a glass of milk'," they further said.

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> Letter from health experts

Alarming hike in surgical births: Health ministry

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @New Delhi

INDIA is witnessing an alarming rise in Cesarean or C-section deliveries. Both public and private health facilities contribute to the spike in surgical births. While over 15 per cent of deliveries in public hospitals were Cesarean in 2021-22, the number touched almost 38 percent in private facilities, according to the health ministry data released recently.

This growing trend of C-sections in India contradicts the WHO mandate, which says that no nation should have more than 10 per cent of such deliveries. "It is ..observed that higher percentage of C section deliveries were found in private facilities ..a trend of a very higher percentage of C-section deliveries in private hospitals as compared to C- section deliveries in public facilities," said the latest report of Health Management Information System, which is an exclusive source of information for facility level health data nationwide.

The highest percentage of C-section deliveries in private institutions reported in HMIS till March 2022 was reported in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, followed by Tripura for two consecutive years. In 2020-21, Andaman reported 95.45 per cent of such deliveries in private facilities, the following year, it went up to 95.56 per cent. Similarly, Tripura in 2020-21 recorded 93.72 percent of such deliveries. The figure touched 93.03 percent in 2021-22. West Bengal and Odisha have reported a high percentage of C-section cases performed in private facilities. While West Bengal recorded 83.88 percent of cases in 2021-22, Odisha reported 74.62 percent in the same year.

Many states saw a five to 10 percent rise in C-sections in these two years in private facilities.

The report said, "Unnecessary caesarean sections also pull resources away from other services in an overloaded health system."

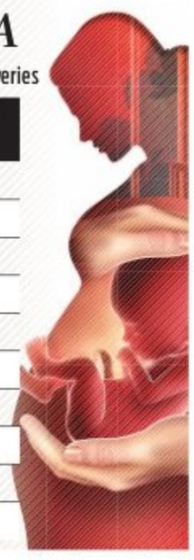
Dr S Shantha Kumari, former president of the Federation of Obstetric and Gynecological Societies of India (FOGSI), said they are looking into "optimising" Caesarian section rates.

"FOGSI encourages our members to audit their cases and we are also working with the government to address this issue," Kumari, who is based in Telangana, said.

DISTURBNING DATA

State/UT wise distribution of percentage of C-section deliveries

State/UT	% C-sections in Pvt/ Public institutes	
	(2020-21)	(2021-22)
Telangana	55.33	54.09
J & K	46.45	48.97
Goa	45.61	46.57
Tamil Nadu	44.09	46.94
Lakshadweep	43.52	47.29
Kerala	42.21	42.41
Andhra Pradesh	41.81	42.15
Punjab	41.77	43.42
Sikkim	40.97	48.97



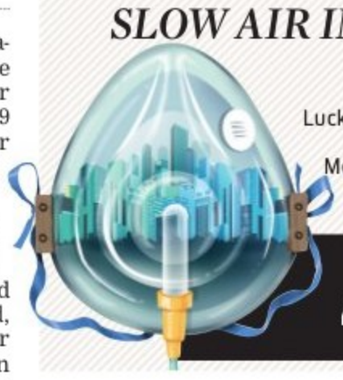
Only 49 of 131 cities see cleaner air after govt's anti-pollution drive

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

WITH the first stage of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAR) ending next year, air quality has improved in just 49 cities out of 131 covered under the initiative in 2021-22, an independent research organisation — the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA) — has claimed in its report. The report also stated that cities such as Allahabad, Lucknow, Varanasi, Srinagar and Moradabad have shown improvements in particulate matter (PM) 10 concentrations of more than 50 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m3) however air pollution level in other towns including Vasai-Virar, Durgapur, Byrnihat and Kala Amb deteriorated.

The findings have further pointed out that only 38 of the 131 cities that were given annual pollution reduction targets under memorandums of understanding (MoUs) signed among State Pollution Control Boards, Urban Local Bodies and Central Pollution Control Board or ministry of environment, managed to meet the targets for the year 2021-22. The programme was launched by the ministry of environment, forest and climate change in 2019. Under this initiative, the target was to achieve 20- 30 percent reduction in PM concentrations by 2024. Since the launch of the programme, India managed to add only 45 manual ambient air quality monitoring stations per year, totaling to 883 stations across 378 cities under National Air Quality Monitoring Program till December 2022.

SLOW AIR IMPROVEMENT



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ARSENIC WATER

High arsenic concentration has been found in groundwater in 18 districts of Bihar, and its correlation with incidences of gallbladder cancer here, according to a study, a senior official said.

40 WORKERS HURT AFTER TEMPO OVERTURNS IN SATARA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	26	11	Mumbai	29	18
Bhopal	24	7	Panaji	29	20
Jaipur	19	4	Patna	19	8
Amritsar	15	3	Lucknow	18	4
Chennai	30	22	Port Blair	30	22
Kolkata	28	14	Imphal	23	5
Srinagar	4	-8	Chandigarh	17	6

RJD stoking saffron fire, says JD-U

Kushwaha says by raising issues bordering on Hindutva, RJD minister has only helped BJP

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

'Nitish's silence exposing his appeasement: BJP MP'

Targeting Nitish over his silence, former deputy chief minister and BJP MP Sushil Kumar Modi asked Nitish to explain why he was not speaking on it. He said it only exposed his "appeasement policy" in disregard to the sentiments of the majority community. Nitish has pleaded ignorance about the matter during his 'Samadhan Yatra' recently but said that he would talk to the minister concerned.

IN a new dip in ties within Bihar's ruling grand alliance, senior JD-U leader Upendra Kushwaha on Saturday accused RJD of playing into the hands of BJP by raising religious issues that are associated with the saffron party. He said the RJD's top leaders were doing it with the intention to get some respite from the Centre in various cases.

Kushwaha, who is JD-U parliamentary board chairman, said Bihar education minister and senior RJD leader Prof Chandrashekhar's remarks against Ramcharitmanas would ultimately help BJP. He said it only gave credence to the allegations that RJD had a tacit understanding with BJP so that its top leaders could get relief from the Centre in various cases.

He said action should be taken against the RJD minister to remove any misconception. Making remarks on the Ramcharitmanas is like wading into BJP politics," said Kushwaha.

He said RJD leaders had also made objectionable remarks against CM Nitish Kumar, but the top RJD leadership chose to keep silent on them. Prof Chandrashekhar had alleged the Ramcharitmans was creating animosity in the society as it advocated curtailing the rights of Dalits, backwards and women.

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Increasing the political temperature further, posters with objectionable messages comparing Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Ravaan/Kansa and Nitish with Lord Ram and Lord Krishna came up outside the official residence of former Bihar chief minister Rabri Devi.

Two Hindu epics, the Ramanaya and Mahabharata, were invoked to claim BJP's defeat and RJD-led grand alliance's victory in the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Interestingly, old allies — JD (U) and BJP -- were found on the same page over the recitation of Ramcharitmanas. JD-U) chief spokesperson and former minister Neeraj Kumar among others recited Ramcharitmanas outside the Hanuman temple in the state capital on Saturday. He was accompanied by some supporters of JD-U.

Meanwhile, BJP leaders recited 'Sundar Kand at another temple in the state capital.

BJP leader Arvind Singh said they were doing it to clear the minds of RJD leaders as they were trying to create division in the society.

Only shrapnel found, no proof of junta strike: Govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

REACTING cautiously, the Mizoram government said on Saturday that there was no evidence to suggest the Myanmar military had hit the Indian territory in an aerial strike on "Camp Victoria" of the Chin National Front (CNF), an ethnic insurgent group in the neighbouring country.

James Lalrinchhana, the district magistrate of Champhai in Mizoram, told this newspaper on Saturday that pieces of shrapnel were recovered from the riverbed of Tiau but there was nothing which backed people's claims that Mizoram was hit. The river marks the border between India and Myanmar.

Two days ago, the Young Mizo Association, Tuipuiral Group had claimed: "A bomb had not just hit Indian soil but also partly damaged an Indian vehicle which was near the Tiau river on January 10 at around 3:30 pm."

Lalrinchhana said, "Others can say whatever they want. I am not aware of the basis of the claims." Based on the findings, he submitted a report to the Home Department on Friday evening. There has not been any further communication. He said people go to the Tiau river to collect sand and there is a farmland nearby.

The DM was hopeful things in the area would be normal soon. Panic had set in among the locals in the wake of the aerial strikes by the military of Myanmar on the rebels' camp, said to be located less than 100 meters from the river.

The Mizo organisation had demanded that government of India take proactive actions to stop the Myanmar military "jets bombing the Indian soil and flying over Indian airspace."

RANCHI DIARY

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Jharkhand tableau at RD parade after 7 years

Jharkhand's tableau will be one of the 16 representations from states and union territories at the Republic Day (RD) parade in New Delhi on January 25, which features the iconic Babadham Temple in Deoghar. The state will return to the big event after seven long years. A statue of Birsa Munda would be placed in front of the tableau. The state PR Department announced that the traditional dance Paika will be performed and that the Adivasi art form "Sohrai" would be displayed on the side panel. Notably, Jharkhand didn't present its tableau for two consecutive years in 2022 and 2023.

Govt launches budget portal to seek ideas

In order to include common man in the formulation of budget for the financial year 2023-24 Jharkhand Government has launched a portal called 'Hamin Kar Budget' and mobile app through which people will be able to send their important ideas and suggestions. One will be able to submit his or her suggestions till January 20, 2023 through the online portal or mobile app. The three best suggestion will be honoured by the state government. In addition to that, keeping 'Aam Aadmi' at the center point, state government will also seek suggestions from economic experts and people from other fields.

Vocational training in model schools

Jharkhand will soon be introducing vocational training for students in its upcoming schools of excellence and model schools to be operational from April this year. Students will be provided vocational training for 11 different courses. The initiative has been taken to provide holistic, skill-based, employment-oriented education to children. Meanwhile, online training of principals of Schools of Excellence and Model Schools has already been given by the National Center for School Leadership in two phases. They have also received training from the Azim Premji Foundation and IIM Ranchi.

9 deaths every day, suicide rate among daily wagers in Guj rises by 50% in 5 yrs

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

No. of suicide instances in the developed state

Year	Suicides cases
2017	2,131
2018	2,522
2019	2,649
2020	2,754
2021	3,206

IN developed Gujarat, the suicide rate of daily wagers increased by 50. 44 per cent in five years. About 9 daily wagers die by suicide every day. According to the data of the last 5 years presented by Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai in Rajya Sabha, this number is increasing continuously. The number of daily wage workers who died by suicide in 2017 amounted to 2,131, meaning that 6 workers were dying by suicide every day. In 2018, it increased to 2,522 with a massive jump of 18.34 per cent in a single year.

2019 reported 2,649 cases, 2020 saw 2,754 of them and 2021 reported 3,206 deaths of daily wage earners. Keeping in mind the increasing suicides ratio of labourers in Gujarat, Economists believe the daily wage rate is a major factor, as it is very low in Gujarat. Therefore, survival at a time of inflation becomes difficult for them.

Economist Indira Hirway said, "The average daily wage rate of workers in Gujarat is the lowest in India. The rate is ₹295.9 for daily workers when it is ₹837.7 in Kerala, ₹478.6 in Tamil Nadu, ₹519 in Jammu and Kashmir, ₹462 in Himachal Pradesh, ₹ 328.3 in Bihar and in it is ₹313.8. The share of informal unorganized workers is much higher in Gujarat compared to the states like Maharashtra, Karnataka, Punjab and Haryana, among others."

"The government has recently put ₹8 lakh annual income as the poverty line for EWS, economically weaker section. At this rate, all unskilled and semi-skilled workers in Gujarat shall live much below the poverty line fixed by the government's own standard," she added. Construction workers union General secretary Vipul Pandya said, "The people who get employment in Gujarat do not get quality employment. Here, 85 per cent are in the unorganized sector, but not all of them get permanent work."

RED CORRIDOR

Forces carried out aerial attacks, Hidma is safe: Maoists

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE outlawed CPI (Maoist) in their statement alleged that the security forces on January 11 had carried out aerial strikes and to support their assertion the banned outfit shared the images of remnants of the explosives left behind as proof. The rebels also rebuffed the reports in some media that Madvi Hidma, the Maoist commander and chief of military unit People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) battalion, was killed in the operation.

"Hidma is alive and safe," claimed the issued statement. The Bastar range inspector general of police Sundarraj P said that the Bastar police didn't carry any such offensive operations. The CRPF in Chhattisgarh did not respond.

The Maoists stated they lost their woman commando of the PLGA. The spokesperson of the south sub-zonal bureau (Maoist) Samta contended that the forces used drones and helicopter on January 11, at the border areas of Chhattisgarh-Telangana along the villages of Sukma-Bijapur district. Denouncing the air strikes they further alleged that with such targeted attacks the tribal villagers are living in fear and scared to work on fields.

SANKRANTI CELEBRATIONS

Union Home Minister Amit Shah flies a kite to celebrate Makar Sankranti in Ahmedabad on Saturday | EXPRESS

Amit Shah took note of scary images issued by ISRO

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THE action was taken a day after Home Minister Amit Shah took note of the scary news coverage on various platforms, while he was chairing a review meeting on the Joshimath situation on Thursday.

"An expert group has been formed for assessment of ground subsidence at Joshimath", the NDMA said in the directive. The memorandum has been sent to various institution heads including CBRI Roorkee, GSI Kolkata, National Remote Sensing Centre-ISRO Hyderabad, CGWB, Surveyor General of India, IIRS Dehradun, IIT Roorkee, NGRI Hyderabad, NIH Roorkee, WIHG Dehradun and NIDM Delhi.

Meanwhile, ISRO has removed from its website the satellite images that showed Joshimath was submerged within a day, following objections from the Uttarakhand government, state cabinet minister Dr Dhan Singh Rawat told *TNIE*.

The NRSC-ISRO study had shown that the Himalayan town sank at a rapid pace of 5.4 cm in just 12 days, while the land subsidence was slow during April-November when Joshimath had sunk 8.9 cm.

TRAGEDY STRIKES

Cong MP dies of heart attack during Bharat Jodo Yatra

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

CONGRESS' Jalandhar MP Santokh Singh Chaudhary, 76, died on Saturday morning after suffering a cardiac arrest during the Bharat Jodo Yatra. Chaudhary had joined the Rahul Gandhi-led yatra at Phillaur, but felt uneasiness after some time and collapsed. He was rushed to a nearby hospital where doctors declared him dead.

"I was walking ahead with Rahul Gandhi and my father was a little behind when I came to know he fell down. We rushed him to the hospital in the ambulance but he died," said his son Vikramjit Singh Chaudhary, Congress MLA from Phillaur.

Following the tragedy, the Congress suspended the yatra for a day as a mark of respect for the deceased party Member of Parliament.

Rahul Gandhi visited the hospital and later the MP's grieving family in Jalandhar. "Shocked by the sudden demise of Santokh Singh Chaudhary. He was a hard working and down to earth gentleman. A strong pillar of the Congress family, he dedicated his life to public service from the Youth Congress to a member of Parliament," he said in a tweet in Hindi.

Wildlife activist complains to NTCA on elephant's killing, burning in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

'No evidence found to corroborate allegations'

When contacted by this paper, the BTR deputy director Lovit Bharti said, "The BTR teams have failed to find any evidence that corroborates the allegations. Still, the bony remains have been sent for detailed forensic analysis in Dehradun. Only after the findings of the forensic, can we conclude anything about the bones belong to which animal.'

A Bhopal-based wildlife activist Ajay Dubey has written to the central government, National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and the state forest department, complaining about the killing of an elephant and burning of the remains in the buffer zone of the Badhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR) in Shahdol district of Madhya Pradesh.

The wildlife activist has mailed pictures along with the complaint made on January 11. In the complaint, Dubey has mentioned about receiving information from local sources about the killing of elephant and burning of its remains in the jungles near Chhatwa village of Shahdol district, which is part of BTR's Panpatha buffer zone.

"The incident alleged by locals puts a question mark on the state of security, patrolling and vigilance by the forest department in the BTR, which has already been on top in terms of tiger mortality and poaching in the state. The concerned area where the incident happened has been notorious in the past for poaching of wild animals, so the accountability of the concerned forest officials should be immediately fixed followed by strict action against them," Dubey wrote in the complaint, while seeking a high level probe by the NTCA.

Importantly, the BTR administration had in October-November 2022, informed through an official statement about its rescue team having traced an elephant lying unconscious in Jamunia forest beat of the Panpatha forest zone and subsequent medical treatment and making the tusker stand with the support of a JCB machine. But the BTR had did not disclose the consumption of what would have left the elephant unconscious.

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Gehlot minister sparks row over CM's chair

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

IN the election year, a cabinet minister from CM Ashok Gehlot's faction, Pratap Singh Khachariyawas staked his claim on the post of Chief Minister in a viral audio. In this audio, said to be related to a meeting of party workers, Khachariawas is heard appealing for a mandate in the next election, and claims that if he wins, he will sit on the main chair of Rajasthan.

In his statement that has gone viral, Pratap Singh said, "I explained to everyone that you must rise above factionalism. Now the big fight will start. In the election both BJP and Congress will come to stop me because I am a thorn in the eyes of many."

When Khachariawas was asked about the audio, he said, "Who does not have ambition in politics." BJP has rubbished his remarks as a sign of arrogance and claims the minister's statement reflects the deep rift in the ruling Congress where many are aspirants for Chair.

C'garh farmers donate stubble for cattle, stop burning of farm residue

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

AS a goodwill gesture the paddy growers in Chhattisgarh are donating the crop residues in thousands of Gauthans (cattle shed premises for conservation and augmenting livestock) where its used as fodder and in the process, the burning of stubble are checked from burning in the field across the state. While the procurement of paddy in Chhattisgarh continues since November 1, the state simultaneously is witnessing a productive use of paddy crop residues in a big way.

So far, 13.86 lakh quintals of stubble (called paira in Chhattisgarh) have been donated by farmers to different Gauthans across the 33 districts of the state. The practice of offering the stubble for free by farmers on the appeal by chief minister Bhupesh Baghel and the state authorities recieved a thriving response. From the last couple of months, this became an effective solution to slim down the scope of the burning method exercised to remove the paddy residues after harvesting.

Stubble, which when burnt by farmers, results as one of the major causes of air pollution with a large segment of population affected in north India owing to the deteriorated air quality every year that led to rising health concerns. The burning is usually seen as the cheapest alternative to dispose stubble.

Chhattisgarh, cited as the 'rice bowl' in central India, has raised the target to procure 110 lakh metric ton of paddy during the current Kharif marketing season. The farmers after selling their paddy are encouraged to donate the paddy stubble to their nearest Gauthan.

Across the state there are over 8,400 Gauthans, spread in an average area of 5 acre land, and is cited as one of the Chhattisgarh development model by the state government. The Gauthan committee manages and strengthens the premises by economically linking it to livelihood-based activities by engaging women self-help groups. The maximum donation has been recorded in Raipur followed by districts of Janjgir-Champa and Dhamtari.

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T N. No. 02/2023.Dt.13.01.2023. SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS

e-procurement Tender Notice

The following Tenders have Been floated online. Tenderers are requested to visit the website **www.ireps.gov.in** and submit their offers online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD may be seen in website. offers submitted manually will not be accepted, Offers by post will not be entertained, Tender Closing time is 14:30 hrs of the Due date of the Tender. "For all indigenous offers, EMD will be accepted only via online system as available on **www.ireps.gov.in**

Tender No	Brief Description
45.22.1072B	Sealed maintenance free valve regulated
90.23.1041	I.S Equal Leg Angles size 40X40X6mm Length 6 mtrs
60.22.5635	Procurement of CGRSP 6.2 mm thick
60.22.5659	Procurement of PENEUMATIC VALVE
77.23.1110	Full Gloss Polyurethane Enamel (Two Pack)
79.22.1120B	Fire Retardant curtain fabric
29.23.1063A	Kit for EP Relay valve for E-70 brake system
38.22.3595	Door arrangement
82.22.0005A	[PH.NO.10129] Dulaglutide1.5 MG/PFS INJ
82.22.1464A	[PH.No.10085] Saxagliptin 5 MG + Metformin 500 MG Tab
82.23.0236	Zonal Rate Contract for supply of [PH.No25159] Recombinant
82.23.1452	[PH.No.10067] Insulin Aspart 100 IU/ML-10 ml
82.23.0014	[PH.No.22155] SACUBITRIL 24 MG+Valsartan 26 MG TAB.
82.22.1453A	[10069] SAXAGLIPTIN 2.5 MG/TAB
82.22.1448B	[PH.NO.10061] MONOCOMPONENT INSULIN RECOMBINANT
38.23.2034	Constant contract

Note: Due dates of Tender Opening: SL.No.01 on dt.18.01.2023.SL.No.02 on dt.01.02.2023.SL.No.03 on dt.02.02.2023.SL.No. 04 on dt.03.02.2023.SL No.05 & 06 on dt.06.02.2023. SL.No.07 & 08 on dt.08.02.2023.SL.No.09 to 13 on dt.13.02.2023. SL.No.14 & 15 on dt.14.02.2023.SL.No.16 on dt.15.02.2023.

CORRIGENDUM

Tender Notice No.177/2022 Dt.30.12.2022. Tender No 77.22.1243 Brief Description: Insert Carbide to ISO Desgn; Due on 16.01.2023.The Tender may be read as The above is **72.22.1243 due on 23.01.2023.** Instead of existing.

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Below **Rs.25 Lakhs.** For Details, Please Visit Railway Website Above.

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Secunderabad

PUB/1009

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in)

PUB/0040

CAO (Construction), S.C.Railway, Secunderabad invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

1. NIT No: EPC-01-CAO-C-SC-2023 Date:09.03.2023 **Name of work** : SCR Construction Organization-Major Upgradation of Railway station at Aurangabad in Nanded division of South central Railway **Estimated Cost:** (₹) 225,21,62,000.00 **EMD:** (₹) 1,12,60,800.00 **Completion Period:** 30 (Thirty Months) **Date of Opening:** 09-03-2023 at 11.00 hrs.

2. NIT No: EPC-02-CAO-C-SC-2023 Date: 09.03.2023 **Name of work** : SCR Construction Organization-Major Upgradation of Railway station at Jalna in Nanded division of South central Railway. **Estimated Cost:** (₹) 176,45,95,000.00 **EMD:** (₹) 88,23,000.00 **Completion Period:** 30 (Thirty Months) **Date of Opening:** 09-03-2023 at 11.00hrs

3. NIT No: PMS-01-CAO-C-SC-2023 Date: 09.02.2023 **Name of work** : SCR Construction Organization-Appointment of Authority Engineer for providing Project Management Services for Major Upgradation of Railway Station at Secunderabad in Secunderabad Division of South Central Railway . **Estimated Cost:** (₹) 3,08,48,328.00 **EMD:** (₹) 3,04,300.00 **Completion Period:** 36 (Thirty six Months) **Date of Opening:** 09-02-2023 at 15.00hrs

Corrigendum No.3 & 4 Dated 09/01/2023 & 10/01/2023 & 5 Date : 11.01.2023 to tender Notice PMS-04-CAO-C-SC-2022 **Name of work** : **Intended bidders may please note the Corrigendum issued for modified clause & also change in date of opening.** All other terms and conditions of the above tender notice remain unchanged and unaltered.

i) For bid document and other details, please login to **website https://ireps.gov.in.**

ii) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.

iii) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Chief Administrative Officer/ Const./Secunderabad.

Government of Tamil Nadu
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department

District Rural Development Agency, Ramanathapuram

Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY–G) 2022–23

Tender Notice No. R5/326/2023 Dated: 12.01.2023

1. For full details, visit www.tntenders.gov.in.
2. e-bids are invited by the Additional Collector (Dev.), DRDA, Ramanathapuram under two Cover System for supply of Steel rods for the year 2022-23.
3. The bid documents can be downloaded free of cost in the website www.tntenders.gov.in from 13.01.2023 to 14.02.2023.

4.	Last Date and Time for downloading and Submission of Bid Documents	14.02.2023 upto 03.00 P.M
5.	Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents	14.02.2023. 4.00 P.M onwards

DIPR.315/Tender/2023

Additional Collector (Dev.), DRDA, Ramanathapuram.

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Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of Residential converted land bearing Sy No 73/5 measuring 1 Acre 17 Guntas and Residential Converted Land bearing Sy No 73/6 measuring 21 Guntas both the properties totally measuring 1 Acre 38 Guntas (converted vide Official Memorandum dated 06-07-2013 bearing No ALN(EVH) SR/443/2012-13 issued by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District Bangalore) presently Bruhat Banngalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No 359/73/5/73/6/17 situtated at Balagere Village,Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Boundaries of Land:East by : Remaining portion of Sy No 73/5 and 73/6,West By: Remaining portion of Sy No 73/5 and 73/6,North by : Land bearing Sy No 73/4,South by : Road

Schedule B:308 sq ft undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule A Property (proportionate to the Schedule C property)

Schedule C: Residential Apartment bearing No. 410 in the Fourth Floor Block-B in Wing C admeasuring a super built up area of 1147 sqft consisting of 2 bedrooms in the multi-storeyed residential apartments building known as "SRI KRISHNA EXCEL STONE" constructed over the Schedule 'A' property inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passage, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common area (including half portion in depth of the joints between ceiling of the Apartments and floors of the apartments above it, internal and external walls between such levels) and the building is of RCC roofing, vitrified flooring as per specification appended hereto with separate electricity, common water and sanitation, including all rights, title, interest privileges, appurtenances, together with a covered car parking space slot to be earmarked and the apartment is bounded on :Boundaries of Flat:East by : Open to Sky,West by : Corridor,North by : Flat No 411,South by : Corridor.

Prior Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs 36,97,000/-
EMD Amount	Rs 3,70,000/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs 1,00,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	31-01-2023 11.00 AM TO 2.00 PM
Property ID No	IDIB30258098623

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For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: https://ibapi.in and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'.

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Date:13-01-2023, Place : Bangalore
Sd/-Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

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The specific details of the properties intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Description of the entire property:Schedule A:All that piece and parcel of Residential converted land bearing Sy No 73/5 measuring 1 Acre 17 Guntas and Residential Converted Land bearing Sy No 73/6 measuring 21 Guntas both the properties totally measuring 1 Acre 38 Guntas (converted vide Official Memorandum dated 06-07-2013 bearing No ALN(EVH) SR/443/2012-13 issued by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District Bangalore) presently Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No 359/73/5/73/6/17 situtated at Balagere Village,Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Boundaries of Land :East by : Remaining portion of Sy No 73/5 and 73/6,West By: Remaining portion of Sy No 73/5 and 73/6

North by : Land bearing Sy No 73/4,South by : Road

Schedule B:297 sq ft undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule A Property (proportionate to the Schedule C property)

Schedule C:Residential Apartment bearing No 204 in the Second Floor Block-B in Wing C admeasuring a super built up area of 1108 sq.ft. consisting of 2 bedrooms in the multi-storeyed residential apartments building known as "SRI KRISHNA EXCEL STONE" constructed over the Schedule 'A' property inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passage, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common area (including half portion in depth of the joints between Ceiling of the Apartments and floors of the apartments above it, internal and external walls between such levels) and the building is of RCC roofing as per specification appended hereto with separate electricity, common water and sanitation, including all rights, title, interest, privileges, appurtenances, together with a covered car parking space slot to be earmarked and the Apartment is bounded on **Boundaries of Flat:**East by : Open to Sky,West by : Corridor,North by : Flat No 203,South by : Corridor

Prior Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs 35,71,000/-
EMD Amount	Rs 3,60,000/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs 10,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	31-01-2023 11.00 AM TO 2.00 PM
Property ID No	IDIB30252183276

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Date:13-01-2023, Place : Bangalore
Sd/-Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

Open e-Tender Notice No. B/E.29-TrD-Tndr-16-2022-23 dt.11.01.2023

PUB/0046

Tenders are invited in IREPS by the undersigned for the following works

1. Tender No.: B/E-29-TrD-Tndr-16-2022-23 **Description of Work** : Vijayawada Division- Additions and alterations to OHE in connection with "Augmentation of Infrastructure facilities at MEMU Car Shed / Rajahmundry, S.C. Railway". **Completion period** : 12 Months **Approx. Value** : (₹) 35,63,143/- **Bid Security (EMD)**: (₹) 71,300/-

S.No. 1 - Cost of Tender form (Rs.) : Nil

Date of closing : 13.02.2023 at 15.00 Hrs.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer,
A0063 **TrD/Vijayawada**

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Tender Notice No. - EL/1127/W-1152 Dated: 11.01.2023

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy Chief Electrical Engineer/Maintenance/Blw, Varanasi acting or and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tenders for the following work. **Tender No.** EL/1127/ W-1152, **Name of Work:** Comprehensive Annual Electrical Maintenance of Motors, Pumps and Electrical Panels at STP, IETP and Sewage Well Plant of BLW/Varanasi for a period of Two Years. **Approximate Cost :** Rs. 5207056.00 (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Seven Thousand Fifty Six Only), **Completion Period :** 24 Months, **Tender Cost Rs.:** NIL, **Earnest Money Rs.:** Rs. 1,04,200/- (Rupees One Lakh Four Thousand Two Hundred Only), **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 03.02.2023 at 15:30 hrs. For details e-tender visit Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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PEGASUS ASSETS RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED

55-56, 5th Floor, Free Press House, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400 021, Tel: 91-2261884700

APPENDIX IV [See Rule 8 (i)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas the Authorised Officer of NKGSB Co-op Bank Limited (NKGSB) under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002 issued **Demand Notice dated 03/10/2017 calling upon the Borrower/Co-borrower/Guarantors – Mr. Srinivasa Y V and Mrs. Madhumitha B S to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.1,07,60,288.01/- (Rupees One Crore Seven Lakhs Sixty Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Eight and Paisa One Only) due as on 30/09/2017** with further interest at contractual rate and cost, charges and expenses within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Dues of the said borrower along with underlying security interest was assigned in favour of **Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd.** acting in its capacity as Trustee of the Pegasus Group Thirty Four Trust 1 (Pegasus) by **NKGSB Co-op Bank Limited** vide Assignment Agreement dated 26/03/2019 under the provisions of SARFAESI Act. Under Section 5 of SARFAESI ACT 2002. PARPL has stepped into the shoes of the NKGSB Co-op Bank Limited and all the rights, title and interest of NKGSB Co-op Bank Limited with respect to the financial assets along with underlying security interests, guarantees, pleadges have vested with PARPL in respect of the Financial Assistance Availed by the Borrowers and PARPL exercises all its rights as the SECURED CREDITOR.

Purusant having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rule, 2002 **on 09/01/2023.**

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers/Co-borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagers and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Pegasus for an amount of Rs.1,07,60,288.01/- (Rupees One Crore Seven Lakhs Sixty Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Eight and Paisa One Only) on 30/09/2017** with further interest at contractual rate and cost, charges and expenses.

Description of immovable property

Details of Secured Asset : All the piece and parcel of property bearing Site No. 614, Khatha No. 2114, 4th Block, in the layout formed by the Karnataka Government Class "D" Employees House Building Co-op Society Limited in Sy No. 23, Lingadeeranahalli Village, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted for non- agricultural purposes under Bangalore Commissioner order No. ALN.SR. (N)37/2001-2002, and **bounded on the East by** : Site No. 571, **West by:** 30 ft wide road, **North by** : Site No. 615, **South by** : Site No. 613.

AUTHORISED OFFICER
Place: Bangalore **Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limited**
Date: 09/01/2023 **(Trustee of Pegasus Group Thirty Four Trust 1)**

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Schedule C: Residential Apartment bearing No 210 at Second Floor Block-B in Wing C admeasuring a super built up area of 1147 sq.ft. consisting of 2 bedrooms in the multi-storied residential apartments building known as "SRI KRISHNA EXCEL STONE" constructed over the Schedule 'A' property inclusive of proportionate share in the common areas such as passage, lobbies, lift, staircase and other areas of common area (including half portion in depth of the joints between ceiling of the Apartments and floors of the apartments above it, internal and external walls between such levels) and the building is of RCC roofing, vitrified flooring as per specification appended hereto with separate electricity, common water and sanitation, including all rights, title, interest privileges, appurtenances, together with a covered car parking space slot to be earmarked and the apartment is bounded on :Boundaries of Flat:East by : Open to Sky,West by : Corridor,North by : Flat No 211,South by : Corridor.

Prior Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs 36,97,000/-
EMD Amount	Rs 3,70,000/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs 10,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	31-01-2023 11.00 AM TO 2.00 PM
Property ID No	IDIB30265939013

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Description of the entire property: All that piece and parcel of the land to the extent of 28303 Sq. Yards or 23661.77 Sq Mts bearing TS No 16/3 (P) , Block H, Ward No 9 situated at Shaikpet Village and Mandal, near Jubilee Hills Check Post Hyderabad. .Property mortgaged to the Bank: The 50 % Developers Undivided Share right and title in the land comprised in the above said property measuring 11,830.88 Sq. Mts., forming portion of property bearing T.S. No. 16/3(P), Block H, Ward No- 9, situated at Shaikpet Village and Mandal, near Jubilee Hill Check Post, Hyderabad, along with 50% of Super built up area to be constructed thereto, measuring to 4,19,999 Sq. ft., being the Developer's share in the project and Bounded by:- North by : Road (Jubilee Hills Check Post) South by: Kasu Brahmananda Reddy Park , East by: Road No.2, Banjara Hills and West by: Road No.1, Jubilee Hills (Owned by Mantri Mansion Pvt. Ltd.,)
GF + 7 upper floors in BLOCK A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H (excluding H-402)

Prior Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs.276,00,00,000/-
EMD Amount	Rs 50,00,000/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs 50,00,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	31-01-2023 11.00 AM TO 4.00 PM
Property ID No	IDIB30025884476

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Date:13-01-2023, Place : Bangalore **Sd/-Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**

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GeM Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Southern Railway, Madurai - 625016 for and behalf of The President of India invites Online Tenders in TWO packet system from reputed contractors for the following works as per tender notices given Government e-Marketing place (GeM) portal. The tenderer(s)/contractor(s) to apply for works in Madurai division, need to get enrolled **in the GeM portal and only Online tenders will be accepted.**

Sl.No.	1	2	3
Name of the work	Outcome based Mechanized Coach cleaning and watering of Primary Maintenance/ Secondary Maintenance trains, cleaning and watering of PFTR trains, Depot premises cleaning and garbage disposal at Rameswaram (RMM) depot for the period of three years.	Outcome based Mechanized cleaning of PM/SM coaches, PFTR cleaning & watering of coaches and depot premises cleaning at Madurai (MDU) coaching depot and PFTR cleaning & watering of coaches at Dindigul (DG) & TENI stations for the period of three years.	Cleaning (Sweeping, Toilet cleaning and watering etc.) of coaches of platform Turn Around Trains at Tiruchendur (TCN) station for the period of two years (730 days) on outcome basis.
GeM Bid No.	GEM/2023/B/2974518 dated 12.01.2023	GEM/2023/B/2976113 dated 12.01.2023	GEM/2023/B/2967268 dated 12.01.2023
Place of Work	Rameswaram	Madurai, Dindigul & Theni	Tiruchendur
Value of the Work (₹)	₹ 3,91,59,128/-	₹ 10,62,57,717/-	₹ 1,03,62,978/-
EMD (₹)	₹ 3,45,800/-	₹ 6,81,300/-	₹ 2,01,900/-
Tender Closing date	02.02.2023 at 14:00 Hrs	02.02.2023 at 14:00 Hrs	02.02.2023 at 14:00 Hrs

Note: It is the responsibility of the tenderers to check any corrigendum is issued for any correction; deletion or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website and the same shall be taken into account while uploading the tender. For further details please visit website at "http://www.gem.gov.in"

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ಜಿನಕೋ(2) ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಸಿ.ಆರ್/5/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:13.01.2023

ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪುರಸಭೆಗಳ (ನಗರ ಸಭೆಗಳು, ಪುರಸಭೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿಗಳ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ) (ವಿಶೇಷ) ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2022 ರಂತೆ ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರಸಭೆ/ ಪುರಸಭೆ/ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ನಿಗಧಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ ಅಥವಾ ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ:13.02.2023 ರೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋರಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು	ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ/ಅರ್ಹತೆ	ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ
1	ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ	155	1. ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. 2. ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಗೊತ್ತಿರಬೇಕು. 3. ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ನೇರಪಾವತಿ, ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ/ ದಿನಗೂಲಿ / ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ / ಸಮಾನ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮಾನ ವೇತನ/ ಹೊರ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಲೋಡರ್ ಅಥವಾ ಕ್ಲೀನರ್ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲಿ 2 ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಇಲ್ಲದಂತೆ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ನಿಯಮ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. 4. ಈ ನಿಯಮ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ವಯೋಮಿತಿ 55 ವರ್ಷಗಳನ್ನು ಮೀರತಕ್ಕದ್ದಲ್ಲ.	17000–28950

1. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ.

ವಿವರ	ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆ ಪಡೆಯುವ ವಿಳಾಸ
ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ದಿನಾಂಕ	13.01.2023	ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಉಡುಪಿ/ ಉಡುಪಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ/ ಕುಂದಾಪುರ, ಕಾರ್ಕಳ, ಕಾಪು ಪುರಸಭೆ/ಸಾಲಿಗ್ರಾಮ/ ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ.
ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	14.02.2023	

1. ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ:

ಉಡುಪಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 44 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ.

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಇ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ.	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ.	ಅಂ.ವಿ.	ತೃ.ಲಿ.	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾ	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	7
ಪ.ಪಂ.	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
ಪ್ರ.1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ.2ಎ	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
ಪ್ರ.2ಬಿ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ.3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.3ಬಿ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಸಾ.ಅ.	2	7	5	2	1	1	1	1	20
ಒಟ್ಟು	10	15	10	2	1	1	4	1	44

ಕುಂದಾಪುರ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 17 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ.

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಇ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ.	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ.	ಅಂ.ವಿ.	ತೃ.ಲಿ.	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪ.ಪಂ.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.2ಎ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ.2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.3ಬಿ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಸಾ.ಅ.	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	8
ಒಟ್ಟು	8	5	3	0	0	0	1	0	17

ಕಾರ್ಕಳ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 19 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ.

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಇ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ.	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ.	ಅಂ.ವಿ.	ತೃ.ಲಿ.	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪ.ಪಂ.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.2ಎ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ.2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.3ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾ.ಅ.	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	8
ಒಟ್ಟು	9	6	3	0	0	0	1	0	19

ಕಾಪು ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 27 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ.

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಇ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ.	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ.	ಅಂ.ವಿ.	ತೃ.ಲಿ.	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾ	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
ಪ.ಪಂ.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.2ಎ	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
ಪ್ರ.2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.3ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾ.ಅ.	2	5	3	1	0	0	1	0	12
ಒಟ್ಟು	9	9	5	1	0	0	3	0	27

ಸಾಲಿಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 12 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ.

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಇ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ.	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ.	ಅಂ.ವಿ.	ತೃ.ಲಿ.	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ.ಪಂ.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.2ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.2ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.3ಎ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಪ್ರ.3ಬಿ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಸಾ.ಅ.	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
ಒಟ್ಟು	6	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	12

ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ 36 ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ.

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ	ಇ	ಮ	ಗ್ರಾ	ಮಾ.ಸೈ.	ಕಮಾಅ	ಯೋ.ನಿ.ಅ.	ಅಂ.ವಿ.	ತೃ.ಲಿ.	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪ.ಜಾ	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
ಪ.ಪಂ.	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪ್ರ.1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ.2ಎ	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
ಪ್ರ.2ಬಿ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರ.3ಎ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರ.3ಬಿ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾ.ಅ.	2	6	5	1	1	0	1	0	16
ಒಟ್ಟು	9	13	9	1	1	0	3	0	36

1. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಉಡುಪಿ ಮತ್ತು ಆಯಾ ನಗರಸಭೆ /ಪುರಸಭೆ /ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.
2. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ರಜತಾದ್ರಿ, ಉಡುಪಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ:-14.02.2023ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ನಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.
3. ಸದರಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ /ಪೌರಾಡಳಿತ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯದಿಂದ ಕಾಲ ಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸುವ ಆದೇಶ/ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆಗಳಂತೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಅಥವಾ ರದ್ದುಪಡಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- **ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು**
ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

TWO
killed during a military raid by Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank early Saturday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	11	-4	TDS	Los Angeles	18	12	LC
Colombo	30	23	LC	Melbourne	31	16	HR
Dhaka	26	16	TDS	Moscow	-16	-23	HR
Dubai	23	18	SNY	New York	6	2	LC
Houston	19	11	SNY	Singapore	30	24	TDS
Istanbul	12	5	LC	Toronto	0	-3	LC
London	9	5	LC	Washington	7	3	LC

Medics of Ukrainian Army evacuate a wounded soldier on a road not far of Soledar, Donetsk region on Saturday | AFP

UK to send heavy tanks to Ukraine

Challenger II tanks expected to give further push to Kyiv's battlefield advances

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Saturday pledged to provide heavy tanks to Ukraine to help Kyiv's forces "push Russian troops back".

Sunak made the pledge to supply the tanks and additional artillery systems as a sign of the UK's "ambition to intensify our support to Ukraine", according to a readout of a phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

The move makes the UK the first Western power to supply the Ukrainians with main battle tanks. Ukraine's European allies have sent Kyiv more than 300 modernised Soviet tanks since Russia invaded.

But they have so far held off on dispatching the Western-made heavy tanks that Ukraine has repeatedly requested to push forward against Russian invaders. France on January 4 said it would supply Kyiv with the French-made AMX-10 RC — a light tank model.

And Poland on Wednesday said it was willing to send Kyiv 14 advanced Leopard 2 battle tanks as part of an international coalition. Zelensky thanked the UK on Twitter for making decisions that "will not only strengthen us on the battlefield, but also send the right signal to other partners".

Sunak's formal offer follows reports that he was preparing to sign off on sending four British Army Challenger 2 main battle tanks to eastern Europe immediately, with eight more to follow shortly afterwards.

The prime minister's office has not yet confirmed the exact numbers of tanks it will send to Kyiv. A Downing Street spokesman said Sunak and Zelensky agreed on the "need to seize on this moment" after Ukrainian victories had "pushed Russian troops back".

"The Prime Minister outlined the UK's ambition to intensify our support to Ukraine, including through the provision of Challenger 2 tanks and additional artillery systems," the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the Russian embassy to the UK warned on Saturday that Britain's pledge to send heavy Challenger 2 tanks to Ukraine will only "intensify" the conflict.

"Bringing tanks to the conflict zone, far from drawing the hostilities to a close, will only serve to intensify combat operations, generating more casualties, including among the civilian population", the embassy said. *AFP*

HARD TALK

Turkey refuses to ratify Sweden's bid to join NATO

ISTANBUL

TURKEY said Saturday it was "not in a position" to ratify Sweden's NATO membership, despite a series of steps taken by Stockholm to meet Ankara's demands.

"We are not in a position to send a (ratification) law to the parliament," President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's foreign policy adviser Ibrahim Kalin told reporters. Sweden and its Nordic neighbour Finland dropped decades of military non-alignment and applied to join the Western defence alliance in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine last year.

Turkey and Hungary remain the only NATO members to have still not ratified the bids by votes in parliament.

Ankara argues that Sweden, in particular, has failed to fulfil a series of commitments both countries made at a NATO summit in June. Erdogan then lifted his objections to their applications in return for pledges to crack down on Kurdish groups that Ankara views as "terrorists".

Sweden has since approved a constitutional amendment that will make it possible to pass tougher anti-terror laws.

But Kalin said it will take at least until June for Sweden's parliament to vote through the measures, and that Ankara would wait for all the Swedish legislation to pass before it acts. *AFP*

UK angry as Tehran hangs British-Iranian ex-official accused of spying; vows sanctions

DUBAI

IRAN said on Saturday it executed a former high-ranking defence ministry official and dual Iranian-British national, despite international warnings not to carry out the death sentence. The execution further escalated tensions with the West amid the nationwide anti-government protests shaking the Islamic Republic.

Alireza Akbari's hanging drew immediate anger from London. "This was a callous and cowardly act, carried out by a barbaric regime with no respect for the human rights of their own people," UK PM Rishi Sunak said.

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly summoned Iran's chargé d'affaires in the UK and separately warned, "This will not stand unchallenged."

Cleverly also said Britain will place sanctions on Iran's prosecutor general Mohammad Jafar Montazeri over the execution.

"The UK has sanctioned Iran's Prosecutor General. Sanctioning him today underlines our disgust at Alireza Akbari's execution. The Prosecutor General is at the heart of Iran's use of the death penalty. We're holding the regime to account for its appalling human rights violations," he said.

Mizan announced Akbari's hanging without saying when it happened. However, there were rumors he had been executed days earlier.

Alireza Akbari

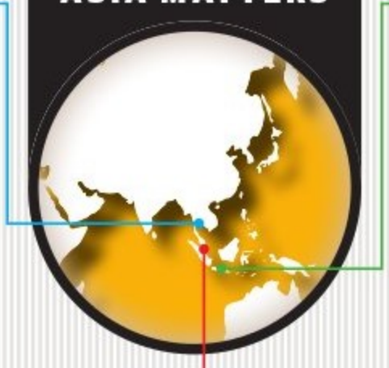
Iran has alleged, without providing evidence, that Akbari served as a source for Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, known popularly as MI6. Iran's judiciary claimed Akbari received large sums of money, his British citizenship and other help in London for providing information to the intelligence service. Akbari, who ran a private think tank, is believed to have been arrested in 2019 and had previously led the implementation of a 1988 cease-fire between Iran and Iraq, working closely with UN observers.

The BBC Farsi-language service aired an audio message from Akbari on Wednesday, in which he described being tortured.

"By using physiological and psychological methods, they broke my will, drove me to madness and forced me to do whatever they wanted," Akbari said in the audio. "By the force of gun and death threats they made me confess to false and corrupt claims."

Iran has not commented on the torture claims. *Agencies*

ASIA MATTERS



THAILAND

Bangkok to host Chinese entrepreneurs' meet

Bangkok this year will host the 16th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention (WCEC) in June, with more than 4,000 Chinese business leaders expected to attend. The event will be held at Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre from June 24 to 26 and is being organised by the Thai-Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Founding members of the WCEC, including Thailand, Singapore and Hong kong, take turns hosting the meeting every two years. Narongsak Putthapornmongkol, President of the Thai-Chinese Chamber of Commerce said that the gathering is expected to help expedite the nation's recovery from the pandemic and promote Thailand among Chinese business. Dhanin Chearavanont, the Senior Chairman of the Charoen Pokphand Group will also be invited to speak at the meeting.

SINGAPORE

No increased stroke risk from bivalent jabs: Health ministry

Singapore health ministry said on Saturday that a local study has found receiving receiving either the Moderna or the Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent vaccines does not increase risk of ischaemic stroke. "The safety profile of the bivalent mRNA vaccines has been observed to be similar to that of their monovalent versions," the health ministry said. It comes days after CDC said those aged 65 and over may have an higher risk of an ischaemic stroke from taking bivalent mRNA vaccines

INDONESIA

Easy Hajj travel for elderly a priority for govt

Indonenesia's Director General of Hajj and Umrah at the Religious Affairs Ministry Hilman Latief informed on Saturday that elderly Hajj pilgrims will be given priority this year. "There are some 60,000 prospective Hajj pilgrims categorised as the elderly," Latief said while inaugurating Muhammadiyah Cirebon's An-Nur Sangkana Mosque. He added since the nation is intending to prioritise the elderly, the ministry will increase efforts to provide the best services to elderly pilgrims so that they can complete their pilgrimage. "The physical assistance, facilities and guidance would be provided to elderly pilgrims and we hope they will achieve a perfect Hajj," the director general said. The ministry will also seek more facilities for pilgrims from West Java, including a departure point from Kertajati International Airport in Majalengka

Biden, Kishida forge deeper alliance with eyes on China

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden and his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida touted Tokyo's beefed-up military posture during White House talks Friday as part of a deepening alliance to maintain stability in the increasingly tense Asia-Pacific.

Hosting Kishida in the Oval Office, Biden said the countries' "shared democratic values are the source of our strength, the source of our alliance."

He said they would be discussing "modernizing our military alliance" and welcomed "Japan's historic increase in defense spending and new national security strategy."

"Let me be crystal clear: the United States is fully, thoroughly, completely committed to the alliance and more importantly to Japan's defense," Biden said.

In December, Japan shook up its defense strategy with a pledge to increase spending to two percent of GDP by 2027, adding more muscular capabilities in the face of a rising China and unpredictable, nuclear-armed North Korea.

"Japan and the United States are currently facing the most challenging and complex security environment in recent history," Kishida told Biden.

The new Japanese defense posture will "ensure peace and prosperity in the region," he said. "Japan decided upon fundamentally reinforcing our defense capabilities, including possessing counterstrike capabilities," he said.

Japan has been officially pacifist since its defeat in World War II but has increasingly shed past sensitivities as China exerts itself and North Korea accelerates its missile testing program.

Japan is hosting this year's G7 and Kishida is visiting all bloc members except Germany on a trip capped by talks with Biden. *AFP*

Bolsonaro's justice minister arrested over riots

BRASÍLIA

A former minister under defeated Brazilian ex-president Jair Bolsonaro was arrested on Saturday, local media reported, in connection with last week's sacking of government buildings.

Anderson Torres, Bolsonaro's last justice minister, was arrested when he arrived in the capital Brasilia from the US, where both he and his former boss were at the time of the riot.

Thousands of 'bolsonaristas' invaded the seats of government in the capital on Sunday, breaking windows and furniture, destroying priceless works of art, and leaving graffiti messages calling for a military coup.

More than 2,000 rioters were detained after the events, for which the full extent of the damage is still being calculated.

Police at the entrance of the 4th Police Battalion in Brasilia, where former Brazilian Justice Minister Anderson Torres is being held | AFP

A Supreme Court judge announced on Friday that Bolsonaro will be included in an investigation into the origins of the sacking, which was sparked by anger at the far-right leader's election defeat to President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Torres was wanted under a Supreme Court warrant for alleged 'collusion' with the rioters, and stands accused of 'omission' in his most recent job as security chief for the capital.

Bolsonaro came under investigation at the request of the office of the prosecutor general (PGR), which cited a video Bolsonaro had posted "questioning the regularity of the 2022 presidential elections."

By doing so, "Bolsonaro would have publicly incited the commission of a crime," the PGR said.

The Bolsonaro video was posted online two days after the violent storming of the presidency, Congress and Supreme Court but later deleted.

The PGR explained that even though the video came after the uprising, it may serve as "a probative connection" that justified "a global investigation of the acts performed before and after January 8, 2023 by the defendant."

In a note seen by AFP Friday, Bolsonaro's defense denied any involvement by the ex-president.

Bolsonaro "never had any relationship or participation in these movements," the note said, blaming the violence on "infiltrators." *AFP*

Violence soars in Mali after Russian mercenaries arrive

BAMAKO

ALOU Diallo says he was drinking tea with his family one morning last month when groups of 'white soldiers' invaded his village in central Mali, setting fire to houses and gunning down people suspected of being Islamic extremists.

He scrambled to safety in the bush, but his son was shot and wounded while fleeing, then was finished off as he lay on the ground.

"I watched my 16-year-old son die," Diallo told The Associated Press in Mali's capital, Bamako, where he lives in a makeshift camp for displaced people.

As he recounted that awful Saturday in his village of Bamguel, the 47-year-old former cattle breeder made no attempt to hide the anger toward the troops, which he believed to be Russian mercenaries, who turned his world upside down.

"I really want peace to return and things to go back to normal," he said. "Here in Bamako, I live a life I didn't choose."

It's been more than a year since hundreds of fighters from the Wagner Group, a shadowy Russian military contractor, began working alongside Mali's armed forces to try to stem a decade-long insurgency by Islamic extremists in the West African country, Western officials say.

But since the mercenaries arrived, diplomats, analysts and human rights groups say indiscriminate violence against civilians has grown, the extremists linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group have only gotten stronger. *AP*

Three policemen killed as Pak Taliban storms police station in Peshawar

PESHAWAR

A group of heavily-armed terrorists from the Pakistani Taliban attacked a police station in the suburbs of the restive northwestern city of Peshawar on Saturday and killed three policemen, including a senior police officer, authorities said.

Some six to seven terrorists attacked Sarband police station bordering Khyber tribal district with hand grenades, automatic weapons and sniper shots and three policemen were killed in the cross-firing, SSP Operation Peshawar Kashif Abbasi said. The Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) terror group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

The three slain policemen include the Deputy Superintendent of Police Sardar Hussain and two constables.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police chief Moazzam Jah Ansari said the policemen successfully foiled the terrorist attack on the station and fought valiantly. The DSP was injured in the firing while entering the building. He succumbed to his injuries in the hospital.

Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province Mehmud Khan condemned the incident and said sacrifices of the police in the war against terror will not go to waste.

A search operation to locate the attackers is underway.

In a statement, Muhammad Khurassani Spokesman for TTP said their Mujahideen attacked two police posts in Peshawar last night with laser guns. The TTP claimed killing four policemen, including a DSP rank police officer, and injuring three in the attack, along with seizing two Kalashnikovs, two magazines and Rs 47,000.

In another statement, its spokesman also claimed responsibility for the attack on a joint security checkpoint of police and CTD in tehsil Tunsa Sharif of Dera Ghazi Khan district Southern Punjab, killing two cops.

TTP, commonly known as the Pakistani Taliban, is an umbrella organisation of various Islamist armed militant groups operating along the Afghan'Pakistani border. Formed in 2007, the group shares a common ideology with the Afghan Taliban and have assisted them. *PTI*

TUNISIA'S OPPOSITION TO PROTEST AGAINST PRESIDENT'S RULE

POLL RESULTS FUEL PROTESTS

The protest move comes after disastrous parliamentary elections last month in which just 11% of voters cast ballots. The elections are meant to replace and reshape a legislature that President Kais Saied dissolved in 2021. The second round has been set for January 29

It also comes as the country is going through a major economic crisis, with inflation and joblessness on the rise

Tunisians have been hit with soaring food prices and shortages of fuel and basic staples like sugar, vegetable oil and rice in recent months

Opposition parties and others angry at Tunisia's economic crisis and the president's increasingly authoritarian drift are planning to march through the capital on Saturday to mark 12 years since Tunisian protesters unleashed Arab Spring uprisings around the region

WHO ARE TAKING PART?

The head of the National Salvation Front, a coalition of five opposition parties including the popular Islamist opposition party Ennahdha, Ahmed Nejib Chebbi, said tens of thousands of Tunisians are expected to take part in the protest march on the Habib Bourguiba avenue, the main artery of the capital and a key site for the revolution

CALLS TO SHUN VIOLENCE

The Interior ministry called on all groups authorised to organise demonstrations to respect the preset itinerary and timing and ensure that there's no violence

The ministry also urged protesters to respect restrictions and not to provoke clashes with security forces

ARAB SPRING

On January 14, 2011

then President Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali was forced out of power, transforming the country into a budding democracy that inspired the Arab Spring. Ben Ali died in 2019

Saied, who was elected in 2019, has curbed the independence of the judiciary and weakened parliament's powers. In a referendum in July last year, Tunisians voters approved a constitution that hands broad executive powers to the president

Saied, who spearheaded the project and wrote the text himself, made full use of the mandate in September, changing the electoral law to diminish the role of political parties

6.7% increase in consolidated net profit of ₹589.64 crore reported by Avenue Supermarts on Saturday for Q3FY23

Fiscal maths for Budget '24

Given a slowing economy, how govt manages its finances is keeping everyone guessing

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

WITH the Union Budget around the corner, there has been a lot of curiosity over the Central government finances in 2023-24.

In the current financial year, the government has managed to sail through many challenges and is looking to excel on several fiscal parameters. But how the government manages its finances in the next financial year, given a slowing economy and global recession, is keeping everyone guessing.

This newspaper looked through several macroeconomic reports, and talked to experts to gauge the general sense on how they feel the government would present a layout of its revenue and expenditure in the Budget this year.

GOVERNMENT FINANCES IN FY24

RUN-UP TO BUDGET

	FY24 estimates			FY23
	Goldman Sachs	DBS Bank	ICRA	Budget Estimates
Nominal GDP growth (%)	11	10	10	11
Total Revenue receipts (₹lakh cr)*	27	26	-	22
Gross tax collection (₹lak crore)	34.5	33	34	27.5
Total Expenditure (₹lakh cr)	46.5	43.7	-	39.5
Revenue expenditure (₹lakh Cr)	37	34.5	-	32
Capital Expenditure (₹lakh crore)	8.5	9.2	9	7.5
Gross Borrowings (₹Lakh cr)	16.8	15.5	14.8	14.31
Fiscal deficit (% of GDP)	5.9	5.9	5.8	6.4

* Total revenue receipt is arrived after deducting states share from the gross tax revenue and adding non-tax revenue

Source: Budget documents, Research reports

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Revenue collection

In the current financial year, central government's gross tax revenue collections are going to exceed the Budget targets by nearly ₹2-3 lakh crore, and experts believe tax collection would show a modest growth in the next financial year as well. ICRA estimates the government's gross tax revenues in FY2024 around Rs. 34 lakh crore, registering a year-on-year growth of 9.4% (over FY2023 projection). Goldman Sachs is more optimistic on gross tax revenue collection with a 10.5% growth estimate. In FY 23, the gross tax collection is likely to be around Rs30 lakh crore.

ICRA's lower than double-digit growth in tax revenue is largely due to a likely reversion of excise duty on auto fuels to pre-Covid levels, as well as moderate projections on the customs duty front. Goldman Sachs expects excise duty mop up to fall to 1.0% of GDP (from estimated 1.1% of GDP in FY23). The revenue receipts could be constrained by lower proceeds from disinvestment as well as non-tax revenues like dividend from RBI and CPSEs.

Expenditure

Big challenge for finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman would be to keep expenditure budget in control and strike a fair balance between capex and administrative expenses.

One of the biggest positives for the government on expenditure side would be recent discontinuation of free food programme, which was unveiled to provide food relief during the pandemic. Most analysts believe the move would see food subsidy bill not exceeding ₹2 lakh crore in FY24. In the fiscal, food bill was likely to touch ₹3 lakh crore, if not for discontinuance of free food programme. "Fiscal impact of this reorientation of subsidy programme will be net positive, resulting in a smaller outlay in FY24, resulting in savings of 0.6-0.7% of GDP," says Radhika Rao of DBS Bank.

Analysts expect fertiliser subsidy to come down in FY24. "Global commodity prices, which rose in 2022 on the back of Russia-Ukraine conflict, have normalised and the outgo on fertiliser subsidy may fall in FY24. We expect fertiliser subsidy in FY24 to return to pre-Covid average of 0.5% of GDP," says Goldman Sachs as it sees subsidy bill coming down from 2.1% of GDP in FY23 to 1.5% of GDP in FY24. Interest payments would continue to account for 22-25% of total expenditure. Experts say the quality of spending in the budget would improve with more allocation towards capex than revenue expenditures, which are expenses towards payment of interest, salaries, pensions and subsidies.

ICRA says the government may target a double-digit growth in capex to ₹8.5-9 lakh crore in FY24, as against ₹7.5 lakh crore in FY2023. In contrast, ICRA believes revenue spending to rise by a relatively muted 3% due to a lower outgo on account of food and fertiliser subsidy.

Fiscal Consolidation

A Goldman Sachs report estimates the central government will consolidate fiscal deficit by 50 basis points to 5.9% of GDP in 2023-24, as against 2022-23 budget estimates of 6.4%. The basis of Goldman Sachs estimate is lower expenditure on subsidies, a robust 12% growth in tax revenue and an 11% nominal GDP growth rate. "In FY24, based on our nominal GDP growth forecast of 11% YoY, we expect income and corporate tax revenue to grow 12% each... we would expect non-debt capital receipts to be at same level as in FY23 at 0.2% of GDP... Considering the above and factoring in the 60bp consolidation from reduction in subsidy spending as explained earlier, we estimate the government will consolidate fiscal deficit by 50bp to 5.9% in FY24."

Radhika Rao, senior economist at DBS Banks pegs the fiscal deficit at 5.9%, while rating agency ICRA expects the fiscal deficit to be at 5.8% in FY24.

RECESSION FEARS

INDIA'S CHALLENGE AS THE WORLD SLIPS INTO RECESSION

GEM and jewellery exports in December declined 11.25% to ₹19,432.88 crore ($2.36 billion), mainly because of a drop in demand in the US. Looking at the nine-month April-December window, jewellery exports grew 6.28% to ₹2,27,537 crore; but in dollar terms there was marginal fall of 0.73%. With just three months of the current financial year left, and exports touching a little over $ 28 billion so far, it is almost certain that the target of $46 billion for fiscal 2022-23 will not be met.

These are some of the signals of what is brewing. As the US economy slows and could fall into recession, the jarring impact will be felt all over including India. The US accounts for nearly 40% of India's jewellery exports; and gems and jewellery are the third largest in India's export bucket.

World Bank's grim warning

On Tuesday, the World Bank sent out a grim warning that the world's financial health was "on a razor's edge".

In its latest Global Economic Prospects report, it said the world's economy was expected to expand just 1.7% this year, a serious downgrade from its previous estimate of 2.9% in 2022. If this turns out true, this decade would see the world entering recession twice over, something that has not happened in 80 years since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

"The risks that we warned of six months ago have materialised and our worst-case scenario is now our baseline scenario," World Bank economist Ayhan Kose said. This will drag down development and hit the poorer countries hardest. The Bank expects growth to claw back to 2.7% in 2024.

Elevated inflation, an aggressive central bank policy aimed at throttling unnecessary spending and the shocks of the Ukraine war are some of the reasons being cited for the extreme slowdown.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) concurred with the gloomy outlook. The bank's managing director Kristalina Georgieva warned last week that a third of the world's economy would fall into recession in 2023.

The World Bank's report said advanced economies would expand just 0.5% in 2023, down from 2.5% last year. The 20 countries that use the euro will see zero growth. China is projected to expand just 4.3% following the lifting of Covid restrictions.

"The world's three major engines of growth — the United States, the euro area and China — are undergoing a period of pronounced weakness," the World Bank said in its report.

By now, everyone and his uncle agrees the world is slipping into recession. Deutsche Bank was the first to stick its neck out about 9 months ago. A Bloomberg survey last month of 38 top economists saw concurrence that there was a 70% chance of the US hitting recession.

But there important naysayers too. Goldman Sachs believes the chances of US going into recession this year is 35%. The firm's economists, Alec Phillips and David Mericle say that a "below-potential growth can gradually rebalance supply and demand in the labor market and dampen wage and price pressures".

Goldman Sachs has now gone even further and said the Euro area may also skip recession as natural gas prices have eased, and inflation seems to be cooling faster than expected. A November analysis by Morgan Stanley concurs that recession may miss the US but Europe may not be so lucky.

Dodging the axe

For India, the forecasts are better. The World Bank says the Indian economy is expected growing at 6.6% in fiscal 2023-24, "before falling back toward its potential rate of just above 6%."At this pace, India will be the fastest growing among the 7 largest emerging market and developing economies (EMDEs). India is not fully 'coupled' into the global economy and is largely driven by a large domestic demand.

In this respect, FMCG companies, agricultural products, infrastructure businesses like power, transportation and roads may not feel the heat and continue to grow.

NEWSCOPE
GURBIR SINGH

However, there is no escape from global recession especially for export-oriented businesses. The US' share in India's merchandise exports has increased to 18.1% in FY2022 from 10.1% in FY2011. Software exports to the US account for as much as 58% of this segment's exports. Shrinking demand in the US will majorly impact these sectors. A contraction of jobs in the US and Europe will also hit the country's émigré workforce, many of whom may be forced to return home.

SOURAV ROY

The glimpse of the way things will play out can be seen from a recent survey by a business daily that showed 41 Nifty companies mainly in the production and supply commodities, metals, chemicals and logistics will see net profits shrink to just 3.1% in the third quarter. This trend may worsen in the 4th quarter and beyond as recession overtakes much of the developed world.

Meanwhile, the US Federal Reserve's interest rate increases are already impacting the flow of foreign portfolio investments, and our foreign exchange reserves; and the rupee is weakening by the day. These are serious speed bumps our policy makers will have to tackle.

Bank guarantee norms for coal bids relaxed

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IN a move that could benefit bidders financially, coal ministry on Saturday decided that the first revision in Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) would be done upon grant of mine opening permission for the respective coal mines.

The ministry has extended the auction bid due date to January 30, 2023, from its earlier bid due date of January 13, 2023. "This investor friendly initiative is likely to reduce financial burden on bidders during the process of operationalisation of coal mines and will enhance participation from bidders in commercial mines' auctions," said the ministry in a press note.

The bank guarantee mandates a company (who gets tender) to provide some proportion of tender value to ensure performance and minimise risk if it denies to complete the project.

As per the provisions of the tender document, PBG to be submitted for each successfully auctioned mine, to be revised annually based on the National Coal Index (NCI) for April in the beginning of the year. As NCI has doubled since the launch of first commercial mine auctions in 2020, several representations were received from the industry for relaxation in PBG revision provisions.

HDFC Bank net profit rises 18.5% to ₹12,259.5 crore in Q3FY23

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HDFC Bank, the country's largest private sector bank, on Saturday announced an 18.5% increase in standalone net profit at ₹12,259.5 crore for the third quarter ending December 2022, driven by a healthy rise in interest income and lower provisions.

The bank's net interest income (interest earned less interest expended) for the quarter ended December 31, 2022, increased 24.6% to ₹22,987.8 crore from ₹18,443.5 crore for the quarter ended December 31, 2021.

The bank's core net interest margin was at 4.1% on total assets, and 4.3% based on interest earning assets.

Bank's net revenue, grew 18.3% to ₹31,487.7 crore for the quarter ended December 31, 2022, from ₹26,627 crore for the same quarter a year ago.

Provisions and contingencies for the quarter were ₹2,806.4 crore as against ₹2,994.0 crore for the same quarter in 2021. Total balance sheet size as of December 31, 2022, was ₹2,295,305 crore as against ₹1,938,286 crore as of December 31, 2021, a growth of 18.4%.

Showing a strong growth, total deposits reached ₹1,733,204 crore as of December 31, 2022, an increase of 19.9% over December 31, 2021.

CASA (Current Account Saving Account) deposits grew 12% with savings account deposits at ₹535,206 crore and current account deposits at ₹227,745 crore.

Time deposits were at ₹970,253 crore, an increase of 26.9% over the corresponding quarter of the previous year, resulting in CASA deposits comprising 44% of total deposits as of December 31, 2022.

Total advances as of December 31, 2022, were ₹1,506,809 crore, an increase of 19.5% over December 31, 2021.

Domestic retail loans increased 21.4%, commercial and rural banking loans went up 30.2% and corporate and other wholesale loans grew 20.3%. Overseas advances constituted 2.8% of total advances.

Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) were at 1.23% of gross advances as of December 31, 2022, as compared to 1.26% as of December 31, 2021.

Deposits see 20% YoY increase in third quarter

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EXPRESS READ

Alleged corruption in FCI wake-up call : Goyal

NEW DELHI: Food minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday termed the Centra Bureau of Investigation (CBI) investigation into alleged corruption in Food Corporation of India (FCI) a "wake-up call" for the state-owned firm and asserted that those involved in corrupt practices will not be spared. FCI would follow the principle of zero tolerance for corruption, the minister said. *PTI*

Customs dept keeping eye on toy imports: CBIC

NEW DELHI: The CBIC on Saturday said the Customs department is monitoring toy imports and tackling newer modus operandi adopted to circumvent the quality control and safety norms. The government earlier this week said 18,600 toys have been seized in last one month from major retail stores, including those of Hamleys and Archies, at airports. *PTI*

MFIs to play big role in economic growth: Study

KOLKATA: Microfinance institutions, which acted as a financial support system to low-income households by offering credit access to six crore borrowers in the last few years, will play a leading role in the growth process of India, as per a study. From February 2017 to June 2022, MFI sector underwent several transformations in terms of inclusivity and expansion, said the joint study by PricewaterhouseCoopers(PwC) and the Association of Microfinance Institutions of India. *PTI*

SER general manager inaugurates water recycling plant at Bankura

Kolkata: Ms. Archana Joshi, General Manager, South Eastern Railway visited Bankura of Adra Division and conducted inspections in presence of Sri Manish Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager and other Senior Officers of Adra on 06.01.2023. As a part of SER's eco-friendly initiatives, General Manager inaugurated a Water Recycling Plant with a capacity of 5 lakh litre per day at Bankura.

Business & Beyond

Vedanta's Subhalaxmi co-operative launches 'Udyogini'

Bhubaneswar:Subhalaxmi Co-operative, one of India's largest rural women's co-operatives supported by Vedanta Aluminium, launched 'Udyogini' project to promote entrepreneurship among rural women residing in Jharsuguda and nearby areas. Subhalaxmi Co-operative is the flagship community development initiative of Vedanta Aluminium.

KSMCA celebrated Golden Jubilee on Jan 4 at Taj West End, Bengaluru

Karnataka State Marketing Communication & Advertising Limited (KSMCA) celebrated its Golden Jubilee on 4th of January at the Taj West End Hotel in Bengaluru. The Golden Jubilee celebration event was inaugurated by Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka. Speaking on the occasion he said that a government institution doing commercial business is a big challenge.

Vedanta hosts sports enthusiasts ahead of Men's Hockey World Cup

Bhubaneswar: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, partnered with the Jharsuguda District Administration to host sports enthusiasts over friendly tournaments ahead of Men's FIH Hockey World Cup 2023, which is being held in Odisha. With sporting fervourabuzz in the region, a two-day cricket tournament was organised by the Jharsuguda District Administration at Vedanta Meadows cricket ground on popular demand. The tournament was inaugurated by Shri Rahul Jain, Superintendent of Police (Jharsuguda), Smt. Alomani Sethi, ProjectDirector –Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R), among others.

Paradip Port achieved 100 MMT of cargo handling for 6th year

Paradip Port achieved yet another 100 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) of cargo handling sixth year in a row. It once again repeated the feat by crossing the 100 MMT mark in succession and achieved cargo throughput of 100.22 MMT till 9th January in the current fiscal.

Government of Tamil Nadu

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
District Rural Development Agency
Ariyalur

Notice Inviting Tenders for Supply of Steel rods for the year 2022–23

A7/62/2023 **Dated: 13.01.2023**

1. For full details, visit www.tntenders.gov.in
2. e-Bids are invited by the Project Director, DRDA, of the Ariyalur District under two cover system for supply of Steel rods for the year 2022-23
3. The bid documents can be downloaded free of cost in the website www.tntenders.gov.in from 18.01.2023 to 17.02.2023.
4. Last Date and Time for downloading and Submission of Bid Documents : 17.02.2023, Upto 3.00 pm
5. Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents : 17.02.2023, 4.00 pm onwards

Project Director,
DIPR.321/Tender/2023 **District Rural Development Agency, Ariyalur.**

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
PALGHAT DIVISION

Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Southern Railway/Palakkad invites E-TENDERS For The Following Works.
E-TENDER NOTICE No. PGT/OT/01/2023 dated 12.01.2023
(For Gati Sakthi Unit)

S. No	Name of work	Approxi-mate Cash value ₹ (in Lakhs)	Bid Security Amount (₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Divisional Engineer/West Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Ferok (FK)	18.00	36000
2	Divisional Engineer/West Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Vadakara (BDJ)	22.50	45,000
3	Divisional Engineer/West Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Mahe (MAHE)	13.50	27,000
4	Divisional Engineer/West Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Thalassery(TLY)	19.50	39,000
5	Divisional Engineer/West Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Payyanur (PAY)	18.00	36,000
6	Divisional Engineer/West Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Kasargod (KGO)	19.00	38,000
7	Divisional Engineer/West Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Mangalore Junction (MAJN)	19.00	38,000
8	Divisional Engineer/East Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Pollachi (POY)	17.50	35,000
9	Divisional Engineer/East Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Ottapalam (OTP) & Parapanangadi (PGI)	24.50	49,000
10	Divisional Engineer/East Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Shoranur Junction (SRR)	25.00	50,000
11	Divisional Engineer/East Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Angadipuram (AAM)	19.00	38,000
12	Divisional Engineer/East Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Nilambur (NIL)	21.00	42,000
13	Divisional Engineer/East Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Kuttipuram (KTU)	14.00	28,000
14	Divisional Engineer/East Jurisdiction:- Consultancy works for development of Amrit Bharat Stations - Tirur (TIR)	20.00	40,000

Tender Closing date 15.00 hrs on : 27.01.2023 (for Sl.No. 1 - 14)

Completion Period in Months: Twelve (for Sl.No. 1 - 14)

1. If the contracts on Works/goods/services will be subject to the new GST Act as applicable from time to time. 2. Contractors/Suppliers have to register themselves with GST authorities and to furnish the GST registration number in order to process the bills from 01.7.2017 onwards.
For complete details of the above tenders please visit Website **"http://www.ireps.gov.in"**

Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Palakkad
(For and on behalf of the Pesident of India)

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ROBERT H SCHULLER

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Public are hereby informed that my client **Sri. D. Sunil** S/o. Sri. B.M. Devendra Gupta and **Sri. B.S. Sathvik B.S.** S/o. Sri. D. Sunil Both are residing at No. 1278, 9th Main 6th Cross, Srinivasanagara, Bangalore 560050, intends to purchase the property described in the Schedule Property herein mentioned and entered **Sale Agreement dated 12.05.2022** with its owners **Sri. S. Kumar** S/o. Late Siddaveeraiah, **Smt. Sarvamangala** W/o. Late Sri. Srinivasamurthy, **Sri. Dhananjaya B.N** S/o. Late Sri. Narayanappa, **Sri. B.R. Jagadish** S/o. Late S. Ramakrishna, **Sri. B.R. Venkatesh** S/o. Late S. Ramakrishna **and Sri. Suresh B.R** S/o. Late Sri. Ramakrishna S along with their legal heirs and the joint owners of Schedule Property.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned calling that if any Banks, organizations, Societies, its earlier owners or her legal heirs, Joint Family members or any Third Parties or anybody has got any interest, title, claims, objections whatsoever over the Schedule Property or any part thereof. They are hereby requested to lodge their objections/claims to the undersigned in writing supported with relevant documents **within 21 days** from today. Failing which, my client will complete the sale transaction and proceed for the Registration of Sale Deed. He will not be considering any subsequent objections and same will not be binding on him thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece of immovable residential **Property Municipal No. 61** Situated at 2nd Cross 2nd Main, APK Road, 2nd Block, Thyagarajanagara Bangalore 560028 now under the Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Old Ward No. 51, New Basavanagudi Ward No. 154 in **BBMP PID No. 51-92-61** measuring East to West 30 feet North to South 80 feet totally measuring 2400 square feet along with Ground + First floors 18 squares building with all the amenities. Bounded by: **East by** : Property belongs to Rajappa/Now Property No. 60/1belongs to V Damodharan. **West by** : Property belongs to Muniyappa/Now Property belongs to Narasimhamurthy **North by** : Road **South by** : Property belongs to Mangalam / Now Property belongs to Chandrashekar.

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3. The bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from www.tntenders.gov.in from 14.01.2023 to 15.02.2023.
4. Common date and time for downloading of Bid document, submission and opening:
   (i) Last Date and Time for downloading and online Submission of Bid Documents : 15.02.2023, Upto 3.00 PM
   (ii) Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents : 15.02.2023, 4.00 PM onwards

DIPR.313/Tender/2023 **(Sd) Joint Director/Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Tiruvarur.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

Our client has agreed to purchase the property described herein from Mr. Avril A. Bagalwadi and an Agreement of Sale has been executed by her, which is duly registered. Any person having any right, title, interest in or over the property described in the schedule hereunder may lodge their claim with the undersigned within a week from the date of this publication. If no objections are received, our client will get the land registered in its name

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1
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M/s H.R. Ananthakhnamurthy
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Reference earlier NCSC-Admin.02/1/2022 dated 09.11.2022

The Last date for receipt of application for filling up the post of Senior Investigator on deputation basis in National Commission for Scheduled Castes is extended upto 06.02.2023. The candidates who had applied against the earlier advertisement of even number dated 09.11.2022 need not apply again.
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Sd/- Deputy Director (Admn.)
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Sl. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset (s)
1	**Dr SUBODH VASANT RAO KULKARNI** (Borrower)	**Rs.16,56,260/-** (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Only) as on **31-JUL-2022***	**24-Aug-2022**	**09-Jan-2023 (Symbolic)**	All that portion forming a deluxe apartment bearing Flat No.333 on the third floor, in Block No.A admeasuring 1665 Sft or 154.68 Sq Mtrs, of Super Built up Area (i.e. 1332 Sft of Built up area & 333 Sft., of Common Area) together with proportionate undivided share of land to the extent of 89.18 Sq. Yds or 74.56 Sq Mtrs and reserved parking space for single car on the Stilt floor, admeasuring about 100 Sft or 9.29 Sq Mtrs., in the residential apartment named as "Greenwood Residency", forming part of Sy Nos.202, 203, 204, 205 & 206, Situated at Kowkur Village, Malkajgiri Mandal, Rangareddy District and bounded as under : **North by:** Open to Sky, **South by:** Open to Sky, **East by:** 7' Wide Corridor, **West by:** Open to Sky.
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Date: 13.01.2023
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Rashford earns United derby win over Man City

Marcus Rashford scored the winner as Manchester United came from behind to beat Manchester City 2-1 and go third in the Premier League at Old Trafford on Saturday. Both United goals came in the final 12 minutes as Erik ten Hag's side moved to within one point of their local rivals in the table after inflicting a damaging blow to City's hopes of retaining the title.

Hell & back: Dennis living a dream after health scare few years ago

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Rourkela

"I'm a guy with a story," Dennis Warmerdam smiles. It's near the end of a 10-minute conversation with The Netherlands player when he offers this. It's a story that includes not knowing what his medical condition was, learning he was suffering from a very rare cancer, an unsuccessful chemo, surgery, a hospital suggesting amputation and doctors telling him he wouldn't be able to play the sport again. But Warmerdam, who's one of the reserve players with the side, didn't give up. He tried everything. He even gave up red meat because he had read — 'I don't even know if it's a rumour or something like that,' he says — that consuming it makes the tumour worse.

Even as he narrates his story of going to hell and back over a 24-month period, he is proud of the place he has managed to reach now. "That's something great and I really tell myself that 'everything can happen if you really work hard for it'. My biggest thing is that I'm enjoying every moment. Enjoying this big event, it's really nice."

While he has mixed feelings about being in the touring party but not in the first 18, he's loving the experience of being able to wear the jersey. "It's something I had dreamt as a little boy," he says. "Then, 4-5 years ago, I was really far from it. After I came back, I became an even better player and I'm now in the national team. A bit mixed when I was named in the squad because I'm a reserve. But to travel with the team to the World Cup is a dream and I'm enjoying it."

There was a period of time in his life when he was devoid of experiencing that feeling. The forward, who picked up gold in the European juniors in 2014, starts his harrowing story. "I had suffered from pain for more than two years but I didn't know what it was. I had different scans and different surgeries because it was a really rare type of cancer. But because of all the surgeries, the tumour exploded. It was getting worse because we didn't do the right things. In the end, after two years of searching what it was, a big bomb... cancer.

Netherlands beat Malaysia 4-0 in Bhubaneswar on Saturday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

"They (one of the hospitals he went to) spoke about amputation (his arm). I had cancer in my right lower arm. Didn't know what to do. I had chemo and it didn't work out. Then, I went to a different hospital. They took muscles and skin from my leg, you guys can see it (proceeds to show his thigh), they created a new arm (with) the muscle of my leg and the skin of my leg (shows his heavily scarred right arm). They created a new arm, the first win was I could actually move all of my fingers. The hospital didn't expect me to play hockey again. But then, yeah. I'm playing at the highest level and nobody expected it. Sometimes, I have to tell myself that 'it's true, I'm here'."

The Bloemendaal-based player calls it a 'medical miracle' at one point. When you have been through the experiences he has had, it's easy to become philosophical. "I always believe that the more fit you go into a surgery, the fitter you get out of it. I started to train for surgery. These are the things that you can do because 99% of this medical miracle, let's put it that way, it's just luck. The only per cent I had influence on I really tried to (use that) in a good way. Maybe luck can happen.

"When I knew it was not life-threatening anymore, the worst case scenario was amputating your arm, so the problem was only in the arm. I just told everything 'try to save your arm. Otherwise, go for the Paralympics.' There are always different options. But always try, it's okay if it doesn't work out."

Once he knew it was going to work out in the end, he started putting things in place to ensure he would be in shape to get back to the sport as quickly as possible. "From the moment I was diagnosed with cancer till the surgery, it took about six months. I recovered fast after the surgery because I was fit. I was trying first to lift an empty glass, then put water in it and try again. I was really focussed on recovery and I think, after surgery, it took me four months to take the stick. Then, one year later, I played my first match for my club (Pinoke). So, one-and-a-half years I was out of hockey but out of that time, I trained for five months so that I could be fit and strong (when I came back to playing)."

He's visibly upset because he's not likely to feature at the World Cup but he readily concedes that he has a role to play off the field, away from the cameras. "Guy with a story, always smiling, always giving energy. The guy that can help the team outside the field, in the dressing room. Just talking with the guys, there's still a role for me."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

THREE CHEERS

Action from the Pool B match between Germany and Japan in Bhubaneswar on Saturday. Germany scored in the last two quarters to win 3-0 | SHIBA PRASAD SAHU

EXPRESS FLICKS

Netherlands, NZ make solid start

ROURKELA: Three-time champions Netherlands began their campaign in style, outplaying Malaysia 3-0 while New Zealand defeated Chile 3-1. In the opening match, Sam Hiha (11th, 18th minutes) scored two field goals in the opening two quarters, while Sam Lane opened the account for the Black Sticks with another field strike.

England will be tougher: Reid

ROURKELA: England will be tougher opponents than Spain and India cannot lower their guard in the second group match on Sunday, head coach Graham Reid said on Saturday. "We are up against England next and it will be tougher, they are ranked higher than us. We know how tough England are in the Commonwealth Games," Reid said.

ENGLISH TEST FOR INDIA

India and England have served some fine clashes in recent times. With the likelihood of the winner rubber-stamping a spot directly in the quarts, there is a lot riding on their group match in Rourkela on Sunday. **Swaroop Swaminathan** talks about some points...

Goals on the menu

Both sides kept a clean sheet during wins in their opening group stage matches against Wales (England, 5-0) and Spain (India, 2-0). Against each other, though, the likelihood of a goalfest is high. In the last four matches against each other spanning three competitions, there have been 25 goals, including a madcap 4-4 game at the Commonwealth Games.

Watch out for PCs

Both sides not only conceded a fair few penalty corners but ended up conceding a lot of goals from that situation. Take the two-legged Pro League tie from last year, for instance. In a 24 hour period, both sides, between them, scored 13 goals. Out of the 13, 10 came from those situations. Both sides have a good battery and will be on the lookout to get the foot of a defender early doors.

'Bazball' mentality in hockey

The experienced forward, Sam Ward, gave an interesting interview to the London Times before the side's opener against Wales. In it, he said: "We have gone down the 'Bazball' mentality, really, and it's great our coaches are really encouraging that... removing the fear of failure, just like Ben (Stokes) and Brendon (McCullum) have done. We feel the same as Stokes has done about cricket. We want to excite people, entertain people." England have always had players capable of individual moments but have never managed to marry consistency with winning all the key moments. If they aim to do that in 2023, doing it in front of a raucous home crowd will be a good start.

Emergence of Hardik

The 24-year-old is living up to the promise he showed when he first broke through before the Olympics. Perhaps, it shouldn't be a surprise because he has hockey DNA. Even then, he's been running games, essaying multiple midfield roles (dribbler, passer, creative hook) in a 60-minute period. Against Spain, his mazy run and finish was a delightful throwback to a goal he scored against Great Britain at the Olympics in 2021. His energy will be key against an English side who will not shy away from getting physical.

Bandurak, a big threat

This may come as a surprise but one of the top-scorers across elite international hockey is Nick Bandurak, who only made his national bow last year. In his nascent career, he averages more than a goal a game. He once again showcased his love for goal-scoring with a brace against Wales. Confidence can be a funny thing but right now he's enjoying loads of it. What's more, he has already scored four in three matches against India.

India's quiet attacking man

While the likes of Amit Rohidas and Hardik grabbed eyeballs with their goals, Akashdeep Singh was in his element picking the ball in areas where it's conventionally hard to defend. Referred to as the half space, he frequently picked up the ball there and looked to create openings. He might have made his name as a forward but he has reinvented his position as a withdrawn attacker in recent years. It's a position without many alternatives for coach Graham Reid & Co. If he can do more of that, India will benefit, in the short and long run.

Indian players will be keen to build on their opening-game win vs Spain

MATCHES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES SINCE 2021

GB* vs India	1-3 (Olympics, 2021)
India vs England	3-3 (Pro League, 2022)
India vs England	4-3 (Pro League, 2022)
England vs India	4-4 (CWG, 2022)

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Pool D

Spain vs Wales 5.00 PM

India vs England 7.00 PM

(both in Rourkela)

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS NETWORK

SATURDAY'S RESULTS: New Zealand 3-1 Chile; Netherlands 4-0 Malaysia; Belgium 5-0 Korea; Germany 3-0 Japan.

EXPRESS READ

Dakar Rally: Honda's Cornejo wins 12th stage

Riyadh: Monster Energy Honda Team rider Jose Ignacio Cornejo was the man of the day during the second part of the marathon stage at the Empty Quarter as he won stage 12 at the Dakar Rally 2023 here. The Chilean was 49 seconds faster than Daniel Sanders. Pablo Quintanilla arrived in seventh position with a gap of 03:06 minutes, while Adrien Van Beveren was ninth with a gap of 03:16 minutes to Nacho.

Satwik and Chirag go down fighting in semis

KUALA LUMPUR: Indian doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty went down fighting in the semifinals against China's Wang Chang and Liang Wei Keng in the ongoing Malaysia Open Super 1000 tournament. The World No 5 Indian pair put up a brave effort but Liang and Wang, ranked 17th, showed better nerves in the closing stages to register a 21-16, 11-21, 21-15 win in 64 minutes.

Yuki-Saketh pair wins Bangkok Open Challenger

NONTHABURI (THAILAND): The top-seeded Indian team of Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni came from behind to win the Bangkok Open title, their sixth together on the ATP Challenger Tour, as they beat Christopher Rungkat and Akira Santillan here. Playing their seventh final, the Indians beat the Indonesian-Australian combo 2-6, 7-6 (7), 14-12 in a tie that lasted one hour and 50 minutes. Yuki and Saketh, who joined forces last year, made six Challenger finals and won five of them between April and October last year.

SKY & Ishan surprise call-up in Tests

GOMESH S @ Chennai

As the dust settled down, quite a few questions cropped up on the rationale behind selection of India squad for the all-important Australia Tests for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. As usual, the Indian cricket board released the names of the teams late and like previous occasions this time too there was no press conference.

One such point that seemed intriguing is the choice of Suryakumar Yadav ahead of someone like Sarafaraz Khan or for that matter Ishan Kishan. Yes, SKY has hit a purple patch and is in a scintillating, but for someone who has been ignored for the ODI series against Sri Lanka -- he was warming the bench, this came as a surprise.

Though he had had a very good Ranji seasons recently,

Sarfaraz's non selection seemed to veer around two points. It may sound harsh, but Sarfaraz has not capitalised enough on his India A call-up. Fitness is another issue selectors seemed to be concerned about. Take for instance, the Mumbai batter did not convert his starts in the India A series against New Zealand. Barring the century against South Zone in the final, he had very little to show in the Duleep Trophy as well.

Similarly, Kishan, who is sitting on the bench in the ODI squad after hitting a double century in his previous outing, has not done as much in the longer format, Ranji. That said, the selection of both the players seem to be based on their ability to take the game away from the opponents in a short period of time and the X factor that involves — Suryakumar's dominance in international cricket and Kishan being a southpaw in the absence of Rishabh Pant.

The other point that seemed perplexing is that players seemed to have been picked for Tests based on white-ball form more than what they have done in domestic cricket. But it is not something new. There have been several instances where players, especially batters, have been drafted for Tests based on their performance in white-ball cricket at international level.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Years of toil behind Rwanda cricket's rise

GOMESH S @ Chennai

STEVEN MUSAALE, Rwanda Cricket Association (RCA) president, explains the work that has gone behind the scenes for years to get the U19 women's team, who will be making their debut the T20 World Cup on Sunday, where they are now in a simple way. "When you plant a tree, it's not like you are making pasta. First, you dig a pit, plant it, water it, and wait as it takes time to see anything happen," Musaale told this daily.

Systemic growth doesn't happen in a single day or even a year, not in any country. Even more so when you are a nation that is trying to reconstruct everything from the scratch having been through a mass genocide. It has been almost 29 years since millions of members of the Tutsi minority ethnic group were killed by armed Hutu militias.

While the horrors of 1994 still remain fresh in the memory, Rwanda, as a country, have come a long way since, especially on the cricketing front. "You will be amazed to see what we have done in the last 20 odd years and how much Kigali has developed. It is about setting a process and trusting it," said Musaale. While the men's team was first sent to the ICC Development Program in Africa's first Affiliate tournament back in 2004 and has consistently grown since, the women's team has taken it a notch higher in the past few years. The RCA started the Kwibuka T20 Tournament nine years ago in a pursuit to rally around the countries neighbouring them to visit and play cricket against them.

The tournament — played in remembrance of the victims of the 1994 Genocide — has grown strength to strength with the 2022 edition featuring as many as eight teams. They have built two stadiums — Gahanga Cricket Stadium in Kigali being the one where the Kwibuka tournament happens — and have a third in process, including floodlight facilities and more. In the last two-three years, the RCA's investment into the sport has come close to $2 million.

It has not just gone into the infrastructure. In 2021, they brought on Leornard Nhamburo from Zimbabwe as the head coach of the women's team.

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India U19 win

BENONI: Shweta Sehrawat smashed an unbeaten 57-ball 92 as India U19 trumped South Africa in their opening game of the WC on Saturday.

Brief scores: SA 166/5 in 20 ovs (Lourens 61) lost to India 170/3 in 16.3 ovs (Shweta 92 n.o).

Nadal in rut, Djokovic on roll as Australian Open approaches

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RAFAEL Nadal and Novak Djokovic own the two largest collections of Grand Slam trophies in the history of men's tennis. They are their sport's two most prominent active figures; no one else is even close. Both in their mid-30s; no one knows how much longer they'll be at the top of the game.

For all that the long-time rivals have in common, Nadal and Djokovic could hardly be entering this Australian Open, which begins on Monday (Sunday EST), under more contrasting circumstances. Nadal, of course, is the defending champion at Melbourne Park 'thanks to a comeback from two sets down in last year's final, which

Serbia's Novak Djokovic hits a return during a practice session | AFP

he called "one of the most emotional victories of my tennis career" ' but he also is mired in about as bad a stretch as he's ever experienced: 0-2 so far in 2023 and having won just one of his past seven matches dating to the end of last season. Djokovic, of course, is making his return to Australia after being banished a year ago because he wasn't vaccinated against Covid-19, but he also began this trip with a tuneup title in Adelaide and has won 30 of his past 31 tournament contests dating to the end of last season. "He's still got it," said Stefanos Tsitsipas, the runner-up to Djokovic at the 2021 French Open and seeded No. 3 in Melbourne. "He can still play." Asked at a pretournament news conference on Saturday whether he feels vulnerable, Nadal did not try to hide a thing.

"Yeah. Without a doubt," replied the 36-year-old from Spain, whose 2022 was littered with health concerns that included chronic pain in his left foot, damaged rib cartilage and a torn abdominal muscle.

All eyes on returning Serb

SRIVATSAN R @ Chennai

LOOKING back at build-up to the 2022 Australian Open, the tennis world witnessed the then defending champion, Novak Djokovic, being deported from the country over vaccination issues. Rafael Nadal went on to win his 21st Grand Slam, surpassing Djokovic and Roger Federer.

Come Monday, the world will see the return of the Serbian to his favourite Grand Slam. With the chance to equal the tally with Nadal, all eyes will be on the 35-year-old. Former India tennis star Somdev Devvarman feels so as well.

"Without Carlos Alcaraz, two favourites would be Novak and Rafa," said Devvarman in a recent media interaction facilitated by Sony Sports Network. "Taylor Fritz loves playing on quick hard courts. He is great there (Australia) and has got a big serve. Daniil Medvedev has made finals two years in a row. Stefanos Tsitsipas as well — he has not made a run in Aussie as he'd have liked. But he has the ability, no questions. How can you count out Kyrgios after he has made the finals at Wimbledon."

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Rwanda U-19 Women's team will play their first WC game on Sunday | RCA

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Supporters of rescue worker German-Irish Sean Binder and Dutch Pieter Wittenberg hold banners outside a court in Mytilene, Greece | AFP

Spying charges dropped against migrant rescuers

LAW

MYTILENE: A Greek court on Friday dropped espionage charges against 24 activists involved in rescuing migrants, after a lengthy trial denounced by rights groups and international organisations.

The dramatic development in the case comes against a backdrop of what a top European human rights official has described as a "hostile environment" in Greece for rights workers trying to help migrants. In the ruling read to the chamber, the court admitted to procedural errors, including insufficient translation of prosecution documents.

They also conceded that the defendants, who include several foreigners, were not given adequate access to interpreters. The activists—two of whom have already spent months in prison—still face an investigation into charges of human trafficking, money laundering, fraud, and the unlawful use of radio frequencies. That investigation is still ongoing, the activists' lawyers said.

After the ruling was announced, activist Sean Binder, who was arrested in 2018 and spent over three months in pretrial detention, said he would have preferred it if the case had gone to trial.

"This isn't justice," said Binder. "Justice would have been a trial four years ago, where we would have been found innocent. They were not found "not guilty", but instead the charges were thrown out on the basis of a procedural mistake, he told reporters outside the courthouse. The ruling came just hours after a UN rights official called for the charges to be dropped.

"Trials like this are deeply concerning because they criminalise life-saving work and set a dangerous precedent," Elizabeth Throssell, a spokeswoman for the UN's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights said in Geneva.

The European parliament has branded the trial, which began in November 2021, "the largest case of criminalisation of solidarity in Europe".

Among those charged was Syrian swimmer Sarah Mardini, sister of Olympic refugee team swimmer Yusra Mardini. The story of their family and their dramatic crossing of the Aegean Sea in 2015 inspired the Netflix film *The Swimmers*.

Experiment rejects a dark matter hope

STUDY

PARIS: It was an anomaly detected in the storm of a nuclear reactor so puzzling that physicists hoped it would shine a light on dark matter, one of the universe's greatest mysteries. However new research has definitively ruled out that this strange measurement signalled the existence of a "sterile neutrino", a hypothetical particle that has long eluded scientists. Neutrinos are sometimes called "ghost particles" because they barely interact with other matter— around 100 trillion are estimated to pass through our bodies every second.

Since neutrinos were first theorised in 1930, scientists have been trying to nail down the properties of these shape-shifters, which are one of the most common particles in the universe. They appear "when the nature of the nucleus of an atom has been changed", physicist David Lhuillier of France's Atomic Energy Commission said.

That could happen when they come together in the furious fusion in the heart of stars like our Sun, or are broken apart in nuclear reactors, he said. There are three confirmed flavours of neutrino: electron, muon and tau. However physicists suspect there could be a fourth neutrino, dubbed "sterile" because it does not interact with ordinary matter at all.

In theory, it would only answer to gravity and not the fundamental force of weak interactions, which still hold sway over the other neutrinos. The sterile neutrino has a place ready for it in theoretical physics, "but there has not yet been a clear demonstration that is exists," he added. So Lhuillier and the rest of the STEREO collaboration, which brings together French and German scientists, set out to find it. Previous nuclear reactor measurements had found fewer neutrinos than the amount expected by theoretical models, a phenomenon dubbed the "reactor antineutrino anomaly". After four years of observing more than 100,000 neutrinos and two years analysing the data, the verdict was published in the *journal Nature* on Wednesday. The anomaly "cannot be explained by sterile neutrinos," Lhuillier said.

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